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ER waits not improving

Off target. Hospitals fall short of treating patients in eight hours



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Emergency room wait times are worsening in some Calgary hospitals and one patient says he is fed up with being left stranded — and in pain — while awaiting care.

Five years ago, Alberta Health Services set a target of March 2015 to have 90 per cent of all admitted patients seen and treated within eight hours and those who are discharged to be seen, treated and released within four hours.

Jon Fagan said it took 12 hours before he was seen by a physician at the Peter Lougheed Centre after he turned up Tuesday night with a severe infection in a toe that had recently undergone surgery.

"It was the most excruciating wait of my life," he said Thursday, now having been admitted. Even then, it took more than a day for him to actually

be placed in a proper room.

"I think it would have been faster for me to walk on my infected toe all the way to Foot-hills (Medical Centre)," added Fagan, who lives in Dover.

Peter Lougheed does have the poorest record when it comes to caring for patients who are ultimately admitted. Last week, just 33 per cent of 217 patients admitted to the centre were treated, stabilized and admitted within eight hours.

Five years ago, Alberta Health Services set a target of March 2015 to have 90 per cent of all admitted patients seen and treated within eight hours and those who are discharged seen, treated and released within four hours.

Data dating back to February 2013 available online indicates the target for each patient cluster has never been hit at any of Calgary's five hospitals. The same can be said for all five major hospitals in Edmonton.

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The province, opposition and physicians address ER targets. See story, pages 22-23.

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‘Children should be surrounded by nature’

Education. Nature

Kindergarten aims to help kids get out of the classroom and into the great outdoors



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There's a new kindergarten model brewing in Calgary, and it's one where parents don't mind if their kids come home dirty — they actually expect it.

It's called Nature Kindergarten, and a group of parents and educators are trying to bring the popular European learning model to the city's northwest. The program aims to get kids outdoors as much as possible, helping them learn curriculum lessons outside the classroom.

Michael Gray has been following the Nature Kindergarten trend and is hoping to see it come to Calgary in time for his four-year-old daughter's first year of school. She has been attending forest school, an outdoor preschool held in Red Deer Lake once a week.

“Children should be surrounded by nature,” Gray said. “We have that kind of child; this is going to work perfect for her. She excels when she's outside like this.”

Efforts to bring the alternative learning opportunity to Calgary are being fronted by Common Digs in partnership with the Children's Commons Ecological



Michael Gray and Lisa Menzies, co-founder of Common Digs, stand by children playing in a stream as part of a forest school program run out of Red Deer Lake.
JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

Society. The groups are currently waiting to apply to Alberta Education as an approved early childhood service provider, and are hoping students can be enrolled in September.

“We're play based, so the kids are engaging actively outdoors,” said Lisa Menzies, co-founder of Common Digs. “We're looking at: what are

they interested in? And then we pull in the curriculum to that.”

She said the model is a full-day kindergarten that brings kids outside for 80 per cent of their learning time. Instead of a teacher-led program where kids follow the path, Menzies said this curriculum sees students getting off the beaten path and

exploring nature independently in a “learner lead” approach.

“They are interacting with their whole bodies, whole minds, whole spirits with the natural world,” Menzies said. “Out of that a lot of curiosity is developed, through that curiosity they have questions that then we work with them to answer.”

The group is holding a meeting Sunday from 1:30 to 3 p.m. to fill parents in on what Nature Kindergarten is and how to register kids for the coming school year.

Space is almost full for the meeting, and free tickets can be found by searching “Nature Kindergarten Parent Information Meeting” in Calgary on eventbrite.ca.

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NDP calls for special prosecutor over Tory nomination allegations

Edmonton-Ellerslie.

Supporter of taxi representative calls for new race



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NDP leader Rachel Notley called for the justice minister to appoint a special prosecutor Thursday, as the Progressive Conservative party continues to review claims of nomination irregularities in an Edmonton constituency.

Metro was first to report Wednesday the party was looking into the nomination process in Edmonton-Ellerslie amid allegations the incumbent MLA Naresh Bhardwaj attempted to mislead a challenger's supporters, and offered a \$10,000 bribe to one, through a proxy, in order to undermine the challenger's campaign. These allegations haven't been proven.

Bhardwaj won the party's Ellerslie nomination contest on Feb. 21 after his lone challenger Balraj Manhas, a prominent figure in the city's taxi industry,



NDP leader Rachel Notley has called for a special prosecutor to look into allegations made against MLA Naresh Bhardwaj. The allegations have not been proven. METRO FILE

withdrew from the race.

Notley said allegations this serious against a sitting MLA bear further investigation.

“Somebody running around, making allegations of

criminal activity is a little bit more than an internal party matter,” she said.

Tory House Leader and Justice Minister Jonathan Denis conceded during Question Per-

iod in the legislature Thursday that the allegations are serious, but added: “They are just that — allegations. They have not been proven. It’s not appropriate to be commenting based on

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“Somebody’s screwed up somewhere. They should do the nomination again or do something else again, because then it would be fair for everyone.”

Balraj Manhas supporter Avatar Chahil

speculation.”

Notley said the minister doesn’t seem to get it, and added the premier should have Bhardwaj resign from cabinet in the meantime.

Metro attempted to contact Premier Jim Prentice on Thursday, but it sparked fears both that their voice wasn’t being heard and their privacy had been breached.

people on the list who swore statutory declarations indicate that Bhardwaj or others working on his behalf tried to get the two supporters to sign affidavits saying their names had improperly appeared on Manhas’ nomination papers in a bid to have them tossed out.

Manhas has said he received a call from party officials days before the Ellerslie vote and was told to withdraw from the race or be publicly disqualified over concerns with his papers. He agreed to take his name off the ballot but said he was assured of an investigation.

Some of the 30 supporters of Manhas said they weren’t aware of the allegations until they read the news Thursday, but it sparked fears both that their voice wasn’t being heard and their privacy had been breached.

A PC party source confirmed nomination papers are supposed to be held secret and one supporter, Avatar Chahil, said he was concerned that others had obtained his personal information, as well as that of two of his brothers and a niece who endorsed Manhas.

WITH FILES FROM RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

Juno Beach academy will keep its doors open this fall

Calgary's public school board said Thursday it will turn to a “campus concept” to spare a one-of-a-kind school focused on Canada's history and military achievements.

Enrolment has fallen sharply at the Juno Beach Academy of Canadian Studies to fewer than 100 kids — in

2008, there were 195.

That prompted the Calgary Board of Education to mull a possible closure or a move for the students.

But a letter sent out Thursday by the board's area director and planning and transportation head Darlene Unruh said Juno would

remain open by teaming with Lord Beaverbrook High School, located just a field away.

Middle school-aged students will remain in Norman Bethune School, site of the Juno academy, for their core and option classes while high school learners will take

their core and some of their complementary courses at Beaverbrook.

Kathy Cross, Juno's parent council chair, said saving the school was a joint effort among parents and school officials who put in overtime to find common ground.

“They did not take any of

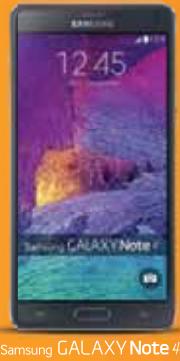
our suggestions lightly,” she said Thursday. “They listened and they felt that we were truly trying to save the school and what we have to offer. They don't want to see the program fail and neither do we and that is why we're still working.”

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The Juno Beach Academy of Canadian Studies METRO FILE

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Crime. Fire chief charged after police bust grow-op

A district chief with the Calgary Fire Department has been suspended after he was charged following the bust of a marijuana grow-op in Calgary's Millrise community.

On Wednesday, members of Alberta's Law Enforcement Response Team (ALERT) charged a couple after ALERT's Green Team dismantled a 400-plant pot production operation in late January.

Now, Dwayne Kenneth Price, 55, and Heidy Thao Doan, 52, of Calgary are jointly charged with production of a controlled substance and possession for the purpose of trafficking.

Carol Henke, a spokeswoman with the Calgary Fire Department, confirmed that Price is an employee with the fire department and "is currently suspended pending the outcome of an investigation by ALERT."

Mike Carter, president of the local International Association of Fire Fighters, (IAFF 255) said the union is cur-

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"We're going to see how the process unfolds and then decide where we're going to go from there."

Mike Carter, president of the local International Association of Fire Fighters

ently collecting information about the incident, but said it has an obligation to stand behind its members.

"This certainly isn't a commonplace occurrence," he said on Thursday.

"We're going to see how the process unfolds and then decide where we're going to go from there."

ALERT says the dismantled grow-op would have been valued at approximately \$400,000.

The Calgary Fire Department will be holding a press conference on Friday morning to provide media with more information about the suspension.

MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

Calgary woman dies after whale slams boat in Mexico

Cabo San Lucas.

Captain was forced to make a 'sudden manoeuvre'; Jen Karren later died

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It was an adventure tour turned tragic.

A Calgary woman killed Wednesday off the coast of Cabo San Lucas in Mexico after a grey whale crashed into a tourist boat has been identified as Jen Karren.

Cabo Adventure, the company behind the Snorkel & Sea Adventure tour that Karren was on, said the 35-year-old woman was killed after a whale broke the water's surface, causing the boat's captain to make a "sudden manoeuvre" on Wednesday.

"The whale hit the boat on



Jen Karren, is seen with her husband, Trevor, in this photo. FACEBOOK

one side, which caused two passengers to be hurt and, unfortunately the death of one passenger," said Felipe-Diez Canedo, general director of Cabo Adventures.

It appears the force of the impact sent Karren into the water, with a guide and a second passenger managing to get her back on the boat, where a third passenger per-

formed CPR.

"On arrival to the marina, the paramedics took the passenger to a private hospital where, unfortunately, (she) passed away," Diez-Canedo said.

Karren's employer, construction consulting firm, WorleyParsons, issued a statement explaining she was a "friendly teammate who was willing to help out wherever she could."

The statement explained that Karren had worked for the company for six years and was a member of its Office Services team in Calgary and "always spoke kindly of everyone with whom she came in contact."

"Our thoughts and prayers are with Jen's family and friends and all those affected by this tragedy."

Two others were hurt during the incident, but their injuries were not life-threatening. **WITH FILES FROM JEREMY NOLAIS & DARREN KRAUSE**

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Incentives make solar panels less costly; tariffs make them pricier

Banff. Ottawa alleges Chinese are 'dumping and subsidizing' modules

While the Town of Banff prepares to roll out an incentive program encouraging residents and businesses to install solar systems, the Government of Canada has slapped tariffs of up to 286 per cent on Chinese solar panels, significantly increasing the cost of many such systems.

Banff is currently accepting applications for its "solar PV production incentive," approved unanimously by council on Feb. 23, said environmental co-ordinator Chad Townsend, who's anticipating strong demand.

"We only have a certain amount of money to give out every year," Townsend said. "We'll likely have to do a lottery."

The details of the incentive will vary for each individual applicant, Townsend said, but the basic idea is that, between their own energy savings and quarterly payments from the town based on how much power they feed back into the grid, they will recoup the cost of their system's installation within seven years.

With \$300,000 in total incentives, the town expects to support roughly 26 new residential and commercial solar PV systems.



The Town of Banff already has solar panels on municipal-owned buildings and is now taking applications for a program offering incentives for residents to install them on homes and businesses. CONTRIBUTED

Meanwhile, the federal government imposed stiff import tariffs on Chinese-made solar panels after the Canada Border Services Agency determined in a preliminary ruling last week that the Chinese are "dumping and subsidizing" with respect to certain photovoltaic modules and laminates."

David Kelly, CEO of Calgary-

based SkyFire Energy, said the tariffs will have a significant impact on anyone trying to set up a solar system with newly purchased Chinese equipment, which had been a "good-quality and low-cost" option.

"It's quite nasty," Kelly said.

"The modules we had been buying increased by 50 per cent as of Thursday (last

week.)"

SkyFire, itself, "bought a whole pile" of modules before the duties were imposed, Kelly added, and is now looking more closely at suppliers from India, Taiwan and Korea.

Banff's solar incentive program had been in the works long before the federal tariffs, and Mayor Karen Sorensen

said Thursday she expects "many Banff residents and businesses wish to participate."

"As a national park community we strive to be a model in environmental management and we will do what we can to support the shift to solar in Alberta," she said in an email. **ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO**

Energy

Solar power still in its infancy in Alberta

Solar power still isn't available at a competitive price for most Albertan consumers, who continue to opt, by and large, to get their electricity from coal-burning plants, but in other jurisdictions that's changing rapidly.

"Solar energy posted another banner year in the U.S. in 2014," reads the latest quarterly report from U.S. Solar Market Insight, which provides analysis and forecasts to the industry.

Photovoltaic installations reached 6,201 MW south of the border last year, up 30 per cent from 2013 and more than 12 times the amount seen five years earlier. More than 600,000 American homes and businesses have on-site solar, according to the report, with nearly 200,000 of those installations being completed in 2014.

Prices for solar modules "kept plummeting and plummeting" in recent years as manufacturing volumes grew worldwide, said David Kelly, CEO of Calgary-based SkyFire Energy.

The Canadian dollar's recent decline and the federal government's decision last week to hit Chinese-made solar modules with hefty import duties has hurt the competitiveness of sun-powered electricity, he added, but many are still opting for it.

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Industrial waste. Regulator to inspect containment dams

The Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) says it will inspect the structural integrity and review the safety records of 65 dams used by the oilsands and coal industries in the province.

The announcement follows criticism by the auditor general that the provincial government is failing to properly regulate Alberta's network of dams and tailings ponds.

The 65 dams are used to contain industrial waste, and the regulator says 32 are classified as posing "extreme" or "very high" environmental consequences if they fail.

CEO Jim Ellis said the regulator will apply the same safety standards to these dams that are used on oil and natural-gas pipelines in order to ensure the safe, environmentally responsible development of energy resources.

"The auditor general has recognized the AER's pipeline-regulation performance, and Albertans can be confident that we will apply that same rigour to all AER-regulated dams," he said.

The regulator took responsibility for regulating energy

Threat

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Thirty-two dams used by Alberta's oilsands and coal industries would pose either "extreme" or "very high" environmental consequences if they were to fail.

industry dams from Alberta's Environment Department last year.

Of the 65 dams, 40 are related to the oilsands industry and 25 are related to coal mining.

The inspections and review of past safety records are to begin in May and wrap up by October, with the results to be made public.

A list of oilsands industry dams that pose either "extreme" or "very high" consequences if they were to fail indicates there is no annual performance report or safety review for Syncrude's Mildred Lake dam.

All of the other dams on the list indicate they have been reviewed or reported on in the last three years, except for two that are still in the design stage. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

BILL 10 WAS A GREAT VICTORY, BUT LET'S NOT FORGET THE VICTIMS



IN DEFENCE OF
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After decades of fighting for equality, Alberta's LGBTQ community woke up to a new province this week.

When the government returned on Tuesday, they shocked everyone by not only amending the controversial Bill 10 but basically erasing all of its initial wrongs. Not only that, but they passed the bill the same day they introduced and amended it. That just goes to show they finally realized how important this issue was to Albertans.

It went from one of the worst pieces of LGBTQ legislation in Canada to one of the best.

It was the outrage of thousands of Albertans that forced them to change the bill in the first place. Let's not forget that the first incarnation of Bill 10 would have had children going to the courts to get a GSA. This is what the PCs



Zander Hartman, a Grade 12 student at Ross Sheppard High School, was thrilled to hear that GSAs will be ensured for all students in Alberta.

TOPHER SEGUIN/FOR METRO

thought was good legislation.

Don't get me wrong: I couldn't be happier with the Bill 10 that now exists. Starting in June, GSAs will be allowed in every school, on school grounds and they are allowed to be called GSAs. A few months ago, none of that was included in Bill 10. Simply put, every student, gay or straight, will now be walking

into safer schools.

But as the dust settles, it's become clear to me that while this is good legislation, it took way too long — and it didn't come without a staggering cost. It's sometimes easy to forget the struggles that thousands of LGBTQ people have gone through while living in this province, especially our youth.

Research has shown that — along with aboriginal children and youth — gay, lesbian and bisexual children and youth and those questioning their own sexuality are most at risk for suicide.

According to a BC Coroners Service review in 2008, for LGBT youth, suicide is the No. 1 cause of death. The review goes on to say that is a "disproportionately high rate of suicide attempts and suicidal thinking." Another study by the University of Calgary indicates that in Calgary, LGBT youth are 13-14 times more likely to contemplate and attempt suicide than their heterosexual peers.

They might not be remembered as victims of war, but the fight for equality in Alberta has left many scars and, yes, bodies. So while it's important to move forward and celebrate Alberta's new future, it's important to not forget the kids we lost along the way.

Mike Morrison tweets from @mikesbloggy.

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Alberta mayor pleads guilty to drunk driving

The mayor of a city in southeastern Alberta has been banned from driving for one year after pleading guilty to impaired driving.

Ted Clugston entered his plea today in Medicine Hat provincial court.

He was also fined

\$1,000.

Court heard police observed a vehicle drifting between lanes and said Clugston exhibited signs of impairment, such as glossy eyes, a red face, and slow speech after he was pulled over on Feb. 13.

against the advice of his lawyer.

Clugston apologized in his statement, saying he "exercised very poor judgment" and had to take responsibility for his actions.

The mayor also said his lawyer told him he had a good chance of being acquitted.

However, Clugston said he wanted to save both his family and his city from

the humiliation that would come with a trial.

"I will take time to reflect and learn from this in the coming months and years."

"Hopefully some good can come of this," he said.

"Since this incident occurred I have continued to work and attend all public events and functions where possible and I intend to continue to do so."

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Neil Bantleman, a former Calgary teacher, now of Burlington, Ont., faces up to 12 years in prison. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Alleged abuser faces 12 years

Crime. Ex-Calgary teacher claims he did not sexually exploit students at Jakarta International School

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- The school is attended by children of foreign diplomats, expatriates and Indonesia's elite.
- It has 2,400 students aged three to 18 from about 60 different countries.

Indonesian prosecutors are seeking 12-year jail terms for a former Calgary teacher and an Indonesian teaching assistant accused of sexually abusing three young children at a prestigious international school.

Neil Bantleman, now of Burlington, Ont., and Ferdinand Tjiong, who were arrested in July, say they are innocent, as do a number of fellow teachers and the principal at the Jakarta International School.

They are being tried on charges of violating the Child Protection Law, which provides a maximum penalty of 15 years in jail.

Prosecutors told reporters after a hearing Thursday that the heavy sentences are being sought because as teachers they had traumatized the victims.

"As teachers they have to set a good example, instead of committing deeds that cause trauma to the students that takes a long time to treat," prosecutor Ade Rohimah said.

Defence pleas are sched-

uled for next week and a verdict is expected April 2.

Guy Bantleman, the brother of the Canadian teacher on trial, says his family is obviously concerned, given the latest news.

"To get to this point with no credible evidence being presented, either materially or medically, is quite concerning," he said.

In December, five janitors at the school were sentenced to up to eight years in jail in the same case.

They were arrested last April following reports from the parents of a six-year-old boy who said he had been sodomized.

Police said a sixth suspect in that group committed suicide while in custody by drinking bathroom cleanser.

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Calgary social agencies want work on 'safe jail' to continue with new chief

Corrections. Retired Chief Hanson says facility 'no closer' to reality than when idea introduced



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As the chief of the Calgary Police Service, Rick Hanson officially retires on Friday, but still has one item left unchecked on his to-do list.

One of the final steps of the soon-to-be retired chief's Crime Prevention and Reduction Continuum, the Secure Detox and Treatment Centre — also known as a "safe jail" — was a concept Hanson rallied behind as head of the CPS. However, at his retirement announcement, he told a room packed with reporters, police officers and city dignitaries, it was "no closer" to being established than it was more than seven years ago.

"We send mentally ill people that are self-medicating to jail by the hundreds," Hanson explained. "Everybody knows they're mentally ill and everybody knows they're self-medicating, and all we do is warehouse them in prisons without any significant effort to actually treat them."

A facility where an offender



Debbie Newman, executive director of the Calgary Drop-In and Rehab Centre, says she wants work around a Secure Detox and Treatment Centre to continue with the arrival of a new chief. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

can get treatment and access to social services and supports before and after their release, the jail would have been the first of its kind in the province.

Now, with Supt. Paul Cook appointed as interim chief, the CPS is going through a transitional period, and social advocates hope its new head has the same desire as the out-

going chief — to establish the safe jail.

"The city is growing and so are the problems that police, agencies and communities will face," said Debbie Newman, the executive director of the Calgary Drop-In and Rehab Centre. "We need to work alongside each other."

"It's really important that

the incoming chief recognizes what has been accomplished."

Newman's call to push forward on the project and partnerships with the new chief was echoed by other agencies in the city, as Cliff Wiebe, managing director at the Mustard Seed, hopes the incoming chief recognizes the need for the centre.

"Alpha house and (the Drop-In) are doing a great job already, but in terms of capacity and in terms of treatment, more beds in this city are needed," he said.

"I would hope that when they come in, they would review these types of initiatives that are really important to our city and are already under-

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"Everybody knows they're mentally ill and everybody knows they're self-medicating, and all we do is warehouse them in prisons without any significant effort to actually treat them."

Retired Chief of the Calgary Police Service Rick Hanson

way, and support their forward movement."

Lucy Miller, the president and CEO of the Calgary United Way and Area said her organization and the CPS have always had a good-working relationship, and she hopes that continues with the arrival of a new law-enforcement lead.

"I'm looking forward to working with the new chief, whoever it is," she said.

"Getting to know what that person's priorities are and working together to move this city forward when it comes to supporting the vulnerable populations."

Miller pointed to the work already being done between the United Way and the CPS through its Calgary's Safe Communities Opportunity & Resource Centre, which works to connect clients with a variety of support services at one centralized hub.



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Coroners ID man killed in avalanche

The B.C. Coroners Service has released the name of a 45-year-old Alberta man who died in an avalanche near Golden, B.C.

The agency says Robson Gmoser of Hervie Heights, near Canmore, was a professional ski guide who was struck and buried by an avalanche on Tuesday.

Gmoser was leading a

group that returned to a lodge about 75 kilometres northwest of Golden just before he set out again with an apprentice guide. He was aiming to check and prepare an area where the group would venture out to the next day. Then the avalanche hit.

The coroners service says that after Gmoser was rescued, doctors staying at the lodge immediately gave him medical assistance. He was flown to hospital but could not be revived. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



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Michael Lang was diagnosed with cancer at age 25 and has since launched Survive & Thrive, a not-for-profit that has joined forces with Kids Cancer Centre to offer a weekend retreat for young-adult cancer patients and survivors. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

Cancer groups launch retreat at Camp Kindle

Health care. Weekend aims to accommodate young adults who are often 'lost in the gaps'

JENNIFER FRIESEN

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When he was 25 years old, Michael Lang would be the first to say he was "living the dream."

Living in his Volkswagen van in parking lot No. 4 of the Whistler ski hill, the adventure-seeker was in the perfect set-up. But he began to notice that he had a hard time breathing.

For months, he assumed it was asthma, but after having an X-ray, he was told he had a 13-centimetre tumour in his chest.

"It was like all the air got sucked out of the room and it was just really still and quiet," he said. "Going in for asthma medication and coming out with a cancer diagnosis at 25 is a pretty life-altering experience."

He's since founded a not-for-profit called Survive & Thrive Cancer Program. He and his wife bring young

Twenty-two Alberta cancer patients and survivors between the ages of 18 and 39 are going for the weekend of March 20 to relax, share stories and spend time outdoors.

- The retreat will be fully funded by Kids Cancer Care.

adults with cancer on adventure expeditions. Now he's joined Kids Cancer Care in Alberta to offer a free weekend retreat for young-adult cancer patients and survivors.

Christine McIver, founder of Kids Cancer Care, said young adults are "lost in the gaps" of the health-care system and asked Lang to join her in finding a way to bridge that gap. She added that research shows young adults with cancer report higher levels of depression and social isolation.

"In the world of oncology, we are failing adolescents and young adults," she said. "This is partly because these cancers are rare in this population (and) a standard of care hasn't yet been developed."

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Staff Sgt. Kristie Verheul, with the CPS economic crimes unit, feeds a hard drive shredder as part of a Fraud Prevention Month event at Chinook Centre on Thursday morning. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

Take care scrapping electronic data: Police

Crime. Properly disposing of devices is an important part of preventing fraud



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From bank information to family photos, almost every aspect of a person's life can be found on one's personal hard drive.

With such valuable information stored in one place, Calgary police are advising the public to take extra care when scrapping their computers and smartphones to ensure the information doesn't end up in the hands of a hacker.

As part of Fraud Preven-

tion Month, members of the Calgary Police Service were at Chinook Centre on Thursday, showing the public how to properly dispose of their electronics with the help of a hard drive shredder.

"One of the best things that you can do is protect yourself," said Staff Sgt. Kristie Verheul of the CPS economic crimes unit.

"If you are replacing your electronics, it's really important to make sure you're handling your waste properly and one of the ways you can do that is by recycling those electronic devices."

The hard drive shredder, which was on display at the event, turned full hard drives into gnarled pieces of plastic and metal in a matter of seconds.

Jessica Lifely of the Elec-

tronic Recycling Association (ERA) explained the ERA provides two types of data destruction — data-wiping and physical destruction — but she said the majority of clients are vying for total destruction.

"Last week, we destroyed 1,000 hard drives in one day," she said, noting the ERA is seeing a growing demand for its services.

"We all have personal information on our hard drives and it's extremely important that we destroy all the information ... so it doesn't end up in someone else's hands."

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Several of the CPS's fraud prevention partners were also on-hand Thursday, providing Chinook Centre patrons with a one-stop shop for information on how to protect themselves.



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Xstine Cook made her first mask as a self-proclaimed "angsty" teenager. It was her first foray into the world of animated objects, and she hasn't stopped believing in it since.

As curator, Cook will oversee Calgary's seventh International Festival of Animated Objects until March 15. From puppets to stop-motion films to the masks she originally fell in love with as a 16-year-old, she's brought 26 different shows and 95 different artists from as far off as Belgium to join in the event.

It began back in 2002 as a "festival within a festival," along with Calgary's annual High Performance Rodeo. It's since grown its own legs, and Cook said it's kept growing every year.

"Calgary's sort of perceived as this conservative place," she said. "But when you actually live here and you see these performances,

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"Puppetry goes back to how humans have told stories for a millennia."

Xstine Cook, curator of Calgary's seventh International Festival of Animated Objects



Belgian puppeteers from Tof Théâtre, Emilie Plazolles, left, and Angela Malvasi, brought their puppet show, In the Workshop, to this year's International Festival of Animated Objects. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

you realize that the stereotype is not true. Calgarians are willing to try new things and the audience keeps building."

Magali Chouinard travelled from Montreal to join in the festival with her 25-minute long puppet show, The White Woman.

In complete silence, she animates the ghostly white figures of a young girl and

an old woman. She said she uses the silence to invite to audience to use their own imagination.

"Puppetry goes back to how humans have told stories for a millennia," said Cook. "There's something child-like about the human ability to imbue life into inanimate objects...it's like we're programmed to believe."

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Culture. Calgary artists in need can now turn to specialized emergency funding

Finding stability as an artist can be challenging, especially when confronted with unexpected obstacles — that's why a Calgary group is taking applications for a new emergency fund set up for professional members of the art community.

The Elephant Artist Relief Society, a non-profit group helping visual artists through tough times with money they secure through fundraising has recently launched their "Rebound Fund."

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Celtic punk band 'keeping that music alive'

Music. Vancouver's Real McKenzies bringing their raucous live show to Calgary



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Don't ever tell Paul McKenzie he's too old for rock 'n' roll.

"I remember touring with Reverend Horton Heat and this guy came up to me and said, 'Aren't you a bit old for this game?'" recalls the 53-year-old frontman for Celtic punk band The Real McKenzies.

"I grabbed him by the jaw and pulled him outside and said, 'OK, let's go. Let's

see who's going to get older quicker,'" McKenzie said. "I told him to go up on stage and apologize. I wouldn't have started anything, but he learned his lesson."

The Canadian singer has led the raucous Vancouver band since 1992 and has 13 albums under his belt, including the latest, *Rats in the Burlap*, which drops in May. Not a bad run for a band that

was formed as a way for McKenzie to "f--- up traditional Scottish and Irish music."

"It wasn't just about reinterpreting it," he says. "It was about keeping that music alive."

While the band now attracts a multi-generational fan base, not everyone was on board with its sound at first.

"We were playing the cultural centre in Vancouver,"

McKenzie says. "And this old Presbyterian guy was like, 'You're ruining our music.' And I was like, 'See those kids over there? After you're long gone they're going to be around and they're going to have kids. So on your bike, Billy.'"

The Real McKenzies are back on the road and hit Dickens Pub on St. Patrick's Day.



The Real McKenzies play Dickens Pub on Tuesday night. KITT WOODLAND

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Crime. Financial adviser appeals his conviction in bombing death of client

A man is appealing his conviction in the bombing death of a young woman in central Alberta.

A jury found Brian Mallery, who is 57, guilty of first-degree murder in the death of Victoria Shachay at her home in Innisfail in 2011.

Shachay, who was paralyzed in a car crash in 2004, died in her wheelchair when she opened a gift bag that exploded.

The gift bag containing a homemade pipe bomb had been left on the doorstep.

Mallery became Shachay's financial adviser after she received a \$575,000 court settlement from the crash.

Mallery's case is scheduled for May 12 in the Court of



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Lacrosse facility may dodge fees

Calgary councillors have given tentative support, with conditions, to a proposal that would see normal development fees waived for a proposed indoor lacrosse facility in Ogden.

A city committee has authorized the use of a city reserve fund to cover up to \$1.3 million worth of acreage assessment fees on the undeveloped parcel at 2720 80th Ave. S.E.

If approved by council as a whole later this month, the

money would come on the condition of a "successful due-diligence review of the project," including meeting transit-oriented development plans.

Coun. Gian-Carlo Carra added that condition, noting the site is near the future route of the Green Line, a soon-to-be-built bus rapid-transit route that would eventually be converted into an LRT line serving the southeast.

Carra said he didn't want to

Fees

\$1.3M

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approve "a standalone box and a vast parking lot right where we're running a transit line," noting future developments in the area will have stricter

density requirements.

Coun. Shane Keating lobbied to lift the acreage fees, noting they are typically charged to large-scale developers to cover infrastructure costs related to new developments.

Those developments include things like new recreation facilities, which is precisely what Calgary Winter Lacrosse is trying to do on this site using its own funds.

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Supt. Nina Vaughan, who has been responsible for the new Office of Inclusion, ensure CPS recruits from a wide variety of backgrounds feel comfortable working

Office of aids CPS

Diversity. Superintendent says making police force more welcoming is worth a full-time commitment



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The human face of Calgary is constantly changing, so the city's police service says it's working to better reflect the public it serves.

The Calgary Police Service (CPS) has created a new office to help accommodate growing diversity within the force. Supt. Nina Vaughan, who has been responsible for the Office of Inclusion, Development and Employee Engagement since December 2014, explained that while the CPS is constantly recruiting from a wide array of communities, there's more work to be done.

"I read a stat said by 2020, 40 per cent of the population would be from a diverse community, and right now we don't reflect that diversity as an organization," she said.

"We've been striving for a long time to do that because we know that we can best serve our community when we have that diversity."

The office provides information and support for CPS officers from all backgrounds.

Vaughan said making the service more welcoming for its em-

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"It's really about having a workforce that understands all the ways that we're different and creating an environment where it's okay to be different and you can still feel like you belong." Calgary Police Service Supt. Nina Vaughan



Development and Employee Engagement since December 2014, said its goal is to with the service. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

Inclusion recruits

ployees is "important work that needs a full-time commitment."

"Diversity brings innovation, creativity and understanding and a number of great benefits to any organization," she said.

"It's important for us to not only strive to increase the diversity in our workforce but also to have a workforce that welcomes that diverse group when they get there."

Howard Burns, president of the Calgary Police Association, which represents more than 2,000 people, said the new office

should help retain officers.

"I believe that it will," he said. "If you make employees feel valued, welcomed and comfortable where they work, the odds are they're going to remain there."

Vaughan said the service wants police officers of all ethnicities, genders, socio-economic backgrounds and sexual orientations to feel comfortable at the CPS.

"It's really recognition that our work force has changed, it's going to continue to change and we're going to change with it."

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AND: DON TROTCHIE (*Defendant*)

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TO: DON TROTCHIE

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Seniors

Province to add more care beds than promised

Alberta's seniors minister says the province is on track to exceed its target for new care beds.

Jeff Johnson says grant money will be used to create more than 2,600 new spaces, including 400 long-term care units and

311 restorative-care beds announced earlier this week.

That would exceed the 1,500 new beds promised last fall.

About \$180 million will be directed toward a total of 31 projects across 18 communities.

The province has been trying to get more care beds so as to move seniors out of acute-care beds in hospitals.

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Red Deer

Fleeting vehicle rams into cyclist

A Red Deer cyclist sustained what RCMP believe to be non-serious injuries when the driver of a stolen car collided with the pedal-pusher on Wednesday.

RCMP say that, shortly before 10 p.m. on Wednesday, patrol officers located a stolen vehicle driving along Holmes Street.

Officers activated their emergency lights, at which point the vehicle, a Toyota Corolla, sped off on 59th Avenue. Out of concern for public safety, police did not give chase and began tracking it from a distance.

Officers say the car collided with a cyclist at the corner of 60th Street and 54th Avenue. The vehicle then fled the scene.

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Wildrose. Shayne Saskiw quits, calls system 'flawed'

The number of incumbent Wildrose politicians who will be running in what many expect will be a spring election has dropped to three after house leader Shayne Saskiw announced Thursday that he is leaving politics.

Saskiw, 33, said he will not seek re-election in his constituency of Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills, but will stay on for now.

"You just become a bit disillusioned with politics altogether," Saskiw said, referring particularly to 11 former Wildrose colleagues who crossed the floor late last year to join Premier Jim Prentice and the Progressive Conservatives.

"One day, individuals are talking about keeping taxes low, not going into debt, and the next day they're saying the complete opposite," said Saskiw.

"Now is the time to push for a model that pressures politicians to keep their word and their promises, and that to me is outside of the traditional party model."

Saskiw is in his first term as a member of the legislature after defeating PC cabinet minister Ray Danyluk by a tight margin in the 2012 election.

Saskiw said he has found the legislature to be a "flawed model" for getting things done. Partisan fighting among parties prevents valuable collaborative work on legislation, he suggested. And true change is blunted when politicians arrive promising bold change, but instead craft minor policy alterations to remain popular.

"I see a fair amount of people who are just in it for a job and a paycheque."

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"You're going to see a centre-of-the-road budget despite all of the tough talk." Shayne Saskiw

Changes to ER waits won't happen overnight: Province

Healthcare. Frontline physician says targets can't be met



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Fears are mounting that emergency-room care will only worsen as the province prepares to slash departmental spending by five per cent in the March 26 budget.

On Wednesday, Health Minister Stephen Mandel did commit \$50 million to improving departments in both Edmonton and Calgary.

Steve Buick, spokesman for Mandel, said Thursday the government is fully committed to hitting targets that would see 90 per cent of admitted patients treated within eight hours and 90 per cent of discharged patients treated within four hours, but he cautioned

changes to frontline services won't occur overnight.

"We need to do better in emergency and we are investing a tremendous amount of resources to unblock the system and get patients through emergency faster and into the hospital," he said.

NDP Leader Rachel Notley, however, surmised the additional dollars wouldn't arrive for seven or eight months and would be "pretty irrelevant" should the five per cent budgetary cut go ahead — such a move would amount to \$1 billion lost in healthcare, she said.

The announcement also comes as emergency room performance at some hospital appears to be declining. The Stollery Children's Hospital in Edmonton, for example, was admitting more than 60 per cent of patients in 2013, but that mark was below 40 per cent in February of this year. Their peer hospital in Calgary, the Alberta Children's Hospital, has seen its numbers slip from

Quoted

"There's no privacy and the situation is sometimes not appropriate at all. All you have to do, for example, is walk through places like the (Royal Alexandra Hospital in Edmonton) and you'll see people with bleeding wounds, just sitting there holding onto whatever wounds they have."

Sandra Azocar, executive director for Friends of Medicare

80 per cent in 2013 to below 60 per cent this year.

The prognosis for adults in need of care is even worse in both Calgary and Edmonton, with no hospital hitting the care benchmark for admitted patients more than half of the time last week.

The worst performer was Edmonton's Grey Nuns Community Hospital, where just 19 per cent of admitted patients were seen within eight hours.

Stollery Children's Hospital hit the target for 25 per cent of patients, while the Royal Alex-

andra Hospital was at 34 per cent.

For emergency department physician Bill Sevcik, the targets are simply unattainable.

Working at both the University of Alberta and Stollery, Sevcik said care providers are focused on the flow of resources, so the sickest patients can be seen first.

"Quite frankly, as a frontline provider, we are trying to do our best for all of our patients," he said. "We don't look at those (target) numbers."

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Admitted patients: 106
Seen within targeted time: 48%
Discharged patients: 1,349
Seen within targeted time: 67%
- **Foothills Medical Centre**
Admitted patients: 338
Seen within targeted time: 41%
Discharged patients: 1,098
Seen within targeted time: 55%
- **Peter Lougheed Centre**
Admitted patients: 217
Seen within targeted time: 33%
Discharged patients: 1,262
Seen within targeted time: 57%
- **Rockyview General Hospital**
Admitted patients: 284
Seen within targeted time: 35%
Discharged patients: 1,097
Seen within targeted time: 58%
- **South Health Campus**
Admitted patients: 135
Seen within targeted time: 37%
Discharged patients: 1,073
Seen within targeted time: 63%

Brooks

Girl hit in collision, rushed to hospital

An eight year-old girl was transported to hospital in very serious condition after she was struck on her way to school in Brooks, Alta.

According to RCMP, at approximately 8:20 a.m. Thursday the child was hit by a van while crossing the road. She was at an intersection with a marked crosswalk, police said.

RCMP confirmed in a release that alcohol was not a factor. METRO

Spring

City to unchain 66 tennis courts

The City of Calgary announced Thursday a selection of its 66 tennis courts will be open, just in time for another warm weekend.

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Notice of Hearing For Temporary Guardianship Order To Amy Hillman

Take notice that on the 27th day of March 2015 at 2:00 p.m., at Calgary Family Court, Courtroom #1205, 601 – 5th Street SW, Calgary, Alberta, a hearing will take place.

A Director, under the Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act will make an application for: **Custody Order; Temporary Guardianship Order** of your child born on **August 2, 2003**.

If you wish to speak to this matter in court, you MUST appear in court on this date. You do have the right to be represented by a lawyer. If you do not attend in person or by a lawyer, an Order may be made in your absence and the Judge may make a different Order than the one being applied for by the Director. You will be bound by any Order the Judge makes.

You do have the right to appeal the Order within 30 days from the date the Order is made.

Contact: Jackie Ellice; Leanne Baines; Daniella Eggink
Calgary Region, Child and Family Services
Phone: (403) 297-2978

Notice of Hearing For Permanent Guardianship Order To Jason Thomson

Take notice that on the 24th day of March 2015 at 9:30 a.m., at Calgary Family Court, Courtroom #1208, 601 – 5th Street SW, Calgary, Alberta, an Initial Custody Hearing will take place.

A Director, under the Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act will make an application for: **Custody Order; Permanent Guardianship Order** of your child born on **July 31, 2010**.

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Deporting suspect in alleged terror plot 'absurd': Lawyer

Toronto. Jahanzeb Malik is accused of plotting to bomb U.S. consulate, financial district

The public should be outraged that Canada is planning to deport a Pakistani man accused of plotting terrorist mayhem in the heart of Toronto rather than prosecute him, his lawyer said Thursday.

Sending Jahanzeb Malik back to Pakistan is illogical and counterproductive, given the accusation that he is an Islamic State sympathizer who aimed to bomb the financial district and U.S. consulate, lawyer Anser Farooq said.

"This is a phenomenally serious allegation and you're just going to send this guy away?" Farooq told The Canadian Press. "Isn't that more dangerous? It's absurd."

Canada Border Services Agency arrested Malik, 33, in Toronto on Monday. The permanent resident, who came to Canada as a student



Justice Minister Peter MacKay
ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

"We'll never know whether the case would have been made out against him in a criminal court."

In fact, Farooq said, the government is sending a message to those who might want to commit terrorist acts in Canada that all they need to do is ensure they aren't citizens.

So far, Canadian authorities have refused to discuss the decision to go the immigration route. However, they have not been shy about branding Malik as a terrorist who planned to build remote-controlled bombs to attack his targets.

Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney said Malik was "willing to commit a terrorist attack on Canadian soil."

Justice Minister Peter MacKay refused to weigh in on Thursday, saying he didn't want to compromise proceedings.

He did say "there's still discussions happening" when asked if a decision to deport Malik had already been made.

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Rail

Tougher safety standard proposed

Proposed new federal regulations will give shippers until 2025 to upgrade rail tank cars to a higher safety standard, a transition that would come almost 30 years after serious deficiencies in the fleet were first identified — and as oil-by-rail accidents continue to pile up. The safety upgrade would build on standards adopted by the industry in 2011 and require shippers to make tank cars more resistant to punctures and valve failures. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

CN spill

Cargo spills after train derailment

Canadian National Railway says a tar-like hydrocarbon spilled when 13 cars in an eastbound freight derailed in southern Manitoba. The accident happened around 7 p.m. Wednesday near the community of Gregg, east of Brandon.

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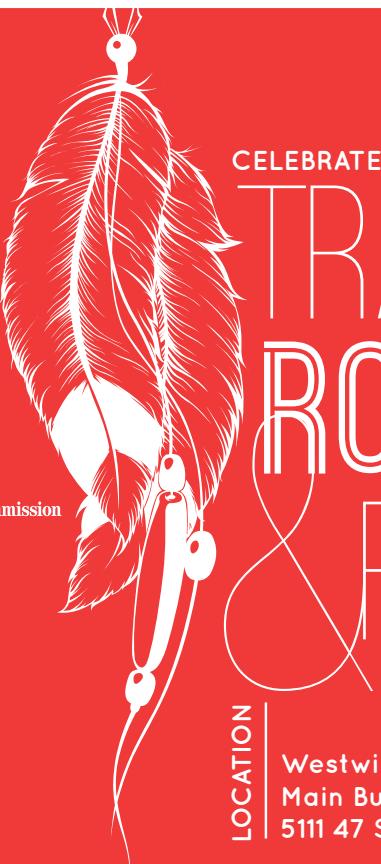
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Environmental activists, aborigines fear anti-terror bill will tread on rights

CSIS. House of Commons public safety committee hearing more than 50 witnesses on the bill

The federal government's assurances that its anti-terrorism bill will not be a licence to spy on activists have done little to calm the fears of aboriginal leaders, environmentalists and human rights advocates.

Several critics said Thursday they have reason to believe the legislation would be used to step up surveillance of protesters opposed to petroleum projects and other resource developments.

"We don't want to be labelled as terrorists in our own territories, our own homelands, for standing up to protect the land and waters," Assembly of First Nations national chief Perry

Quoted

"We are very concerned that the draft legislation appears to target environmental and First Nation climate activists as a threat to security."

Joanna Kerr, executive director of Greenpeace Canada

Bellegarde told the House of Commons public safety committee.

Bellegarde indicated the bill would be challenged in the courts, saying the federal government did not fulfil its duty to consult aboriginal peoples.

The committee plans to hear more than 50 witnesses on the bill, introduced in response to extremist-inspired attacks that killed two Canadian soldiers last October.

The legislation would give the Canadian Security

Intelligence Service the ability to actively disrupt terror plots, make it easier for police to limit the movements of a suspect, expand no-fly list powers and take aim at terrorist propaganda.

In addition, the bill would relax the sharing of federally held information about activity that "undermines the security of Canada."

Neither the new disruptive powers nor the information-sharing provisions apply to "lawful" advocacy, protest or dissent, but some fear the bill could be used against activists who demonstrate without an official permit or despite a court order.

Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney told the committee earlier this week such concerns were ridiculous, saying the legislation is not intended to capture minor violations committed during legitimate protests.

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Justice Minister Peter MacKay, left, Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Minister Steven Blaney, CSIS director Michel Coulombe and RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson arrive at the Commons public safety committee hearing witnesses on the government's anti-terrorism bill Tuesday in Ottawa. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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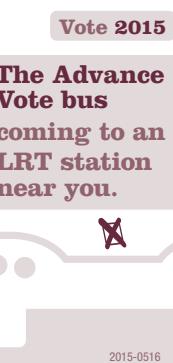
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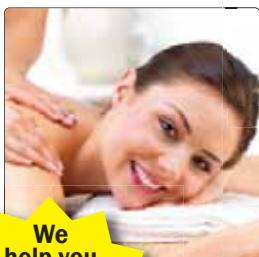
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Bangladesh factory roof collapse traps dozens

The roof of a five-storey cement factory under construction in Bangladesh collapsed Thursday, killing at least four workers and trapping many others, an official said.

About 150 workers were on duty when the collapse occurred in Mongla in Bagerhat district, fire official Mizanur Rahman said.

He said at least 40 people

were rescued from under the debris and up to 40 others were feared trapped. Many of the survivors were hospitalized with injuries, Rahman said.

The cause of the collapse was still under investigation.

Survivors said 50 to 60 people were working on the roof while others were on the ground floor when the collapse occurred, said local govern-

ment administrator M. Jahangir Alam.

It was not clear how many were directly affected by the collapse.

The seaside factory, about 135 kilometres southwest of Dhaka, is owned by an army welfare organization, the United News of Bangladesh news agency reported.

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Moscow

Nemtsov murder steeped in mystery

The slaying of opposition leader Boris Nemtsov has been described as "the most significant political murder in recent Russian history." As investigators home in on five suspects, dozens of versions of what motivated the killers have circulated across Russian media and the country's notoriously conspiratorial blogosphere.

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Flight 370

Malaysia vows stern action if air traffic controller was sleeping

Malaysia's transport minister on Thursday vowed to take stern action against an air traffic control supervisor if it is confirmed that he was asleep on the job when Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 disappeared a year ago.

An interim investigation report last Sunday

contained transcripts of conversations between air traffic controllers and the airline that revealed confusion after the Boeing 777 dropped off radar with 239 people aboard while flying from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing.

The last voice contact was a "good night" message from the cockpit to the controllers at 1:19 a.m. on March 8. The shutdown of the transponder one minute later removed the plane's identification from commercial radar. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Two Ferguson officers shot; groups try to quell tensions

Missouri. Bloodshed threatened to inflame the already fraught relationship between police and protesters

With measured remarks and a conciliatory tone, police, political leaders and civil-rights activists on Thursday sought to tamp down tensions after two police officers were shot in front of the Ferguson Police Department during a protest.

The officers were quickly released from the hospital, but St. Louis County Police Chief Jon Belmar said they could have easily been killed and called the attack "an ambush." Meanwhile, people were taken in for questioning after a SWAT team converged on a Ferguson home near the shooting site. Police did not immediately offer details.

The shootings marked the first time in eight months of tension in Ferguson that of-

ficers were shot at a protest, and the bloodshed threatened to inflame the already fraught relationship between police and protesters just as the city seeks reforms in the wake of a withering Justice Department report on its law-enforcement practices.

The attack resonated all the way to Washington. President Barack Obama took to Twitter to relay his prayers to the officers and to denounce violence against police as unacceptable. "Path to justice is one all of us must travel together," Obama wrote, signing the tweet with his initials to indicate the president personally composed it.

Attorney General Eric Holder called the shooting "inexcusable and repugnant."

The shots were fired early Thursday just as a small crowd of protesters began to break up after a demonstration that unfolded hours after the resignation of Ferguson Police Chief Tom Jackson.

The shots were believed to



A police officer walks toward the Ferguson Police Department Thursday.

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come from a handgun fired across the street from the police department, which has been a national focal point since the

Aug. 9 shooting death of Michael Brown, who was black and unarmed, by a white police officer. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Atlanta. Residents call for police accountability

Residents in the Atlanta area are adding their voices to a nationwide chorus of calls for increased police accountability after an unarmed, naked man was fatally shot by an officer responding to a complaint of a suspicious person at an apartment complex.

More than 100 protesters gathered in the city of Decatur on Wednesday night to protest the death of Anthony Hill, 27. Most said they hoped the latest shooting would become part of an ongoing national discussion on how

police officers interact with citizens, especially minorities.

The relationship between law enforcement and civilians — particularly in poor, minority and high-crime neighbourhoods — has become a contentious issue in many states across the U.S. following the high-profile deaths of unarmed men and teens by police officers, some of whom have been exonerated of wrongdoing after saying they perceived the men and teens they shot as threats. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Shooting

Report forthcoming

Wisconsin's attorney general says a report on the shooting of an unarmed 19-year-old man by a Madison police officer should be sent to a prosecutor in about two weeks. Attorney General Brad Schimel is updating the

investigation into the death of Tony Robinson. Robinson, a biracial man, was shot and killed by a white officer Friday night after police said Robinson assaulted the officer. Schimel is encouraging the public to be patient before judging what happened. He says he appreciates that Robinson's family has urged that protests be peaceful. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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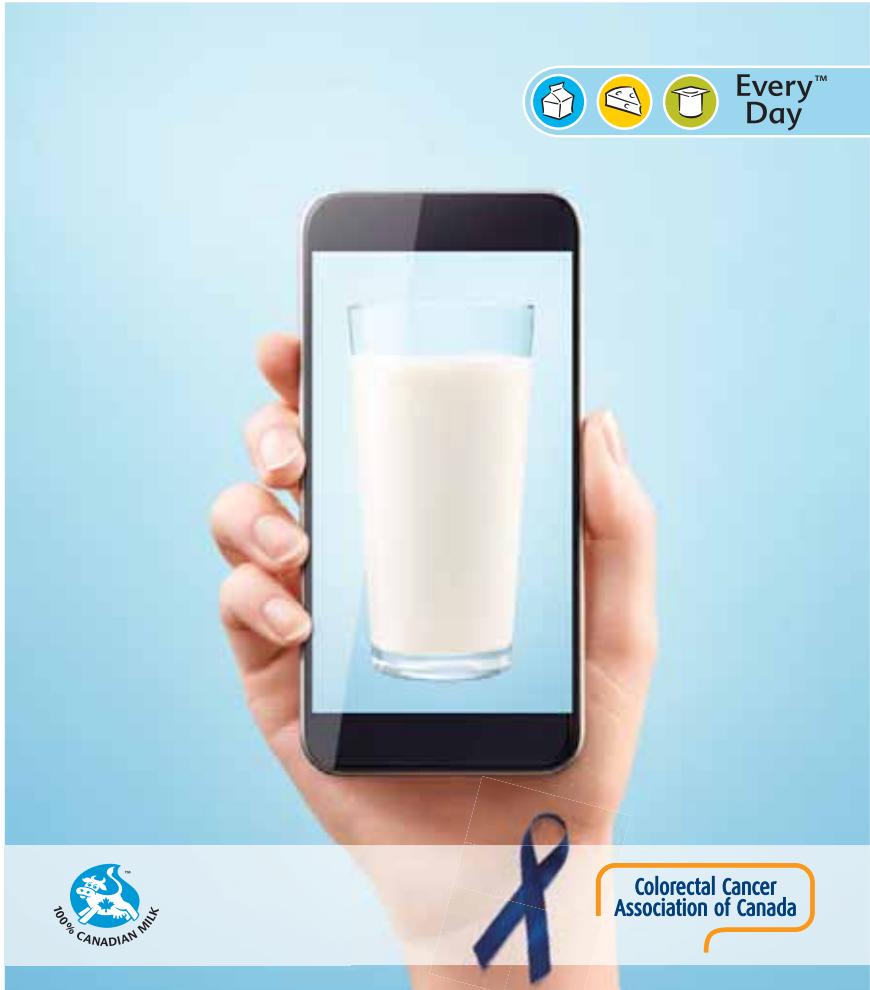
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Archaeology. Pretzels buried on river bank

Archeologists say two pretzels unearthed during a dig on the banks of the Danube in the German city of Regensburg could be more than 300 years old — and are little different to the doughy product available in the state's famous beer halls today.

Dorothee Ott, spokeswoman for the Bavarian Office for Historical Conservation, said Thursday the pretzel

fragments went on display this week at the Regensburg Historical Museum.

Ott says the pretzels and other baked goods found were badly burned, which is why they survived the centuries. Archeologists believe they were discarded from a bakery that was once on the site.

Carbon dating places their creation between 1700 and 1800. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Robbery

Bourbon burglar caught with Wild Turkey in backyard

An iconic bourbon brand in Kentucky has been targeted in a heist, but authorities say they have arrested a suspect caught

with the stash of whiskey in his backyard.

Sheriff Pat Melton said Thursday his deputies recovered five barrels filled with bourbon. He says the barrels were stolen from the Wild Turkey Distillery.

The sheriff said one arrest has been made in the ongoing investigation.

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A-cute overload of white in Germany

Baby polar bear Charlotte explores the enclosure with mother Vera at the zoo in Nuremberg, Germany on Thursday. The polar bear was born on Nov. 21.

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Florida. Church loses tax-exempt status

A Florida church that hosted naked paint parties and slumber-party Sundays featuring the "sexiest ladies on the beach" has lost its tax-exempt status.

The News Herald of Panama City reports The Life Center: A Spiritual Community has been operating a seven-day-a-week party called Amnesia: The Tabernacle since Feb. 28. A sign says events are alcohol and drug-free, but Sheriff Frank McKeithen calls the party atmosphere a "blatant slap in the face" to taxpayers. He says church officials are "trying to get around the laws."

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Washington. Secret Service agents under investigation

The U.S. Homeland Security Department is investigating two senior Secret Service agents accused of crashing a car into a White House security barrier, an agency spokesman says.

Secret Service spokesman Robert Hoback said Wednesday that recently appointed Director Joseph Clancy has been briefed on the March 4 incident. Clancy has asked the department's internal investigator to look into the incident.

The crash investigation is the latest embarrassment for

Intelligence

Incidents of drunken behaviour have plagued the agency since at least April 2012, when more than a dozen agents and officers were caught up in a prostitution scandal in advance of a presidential visit to Cartagena, Colombia.

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Boko Haram

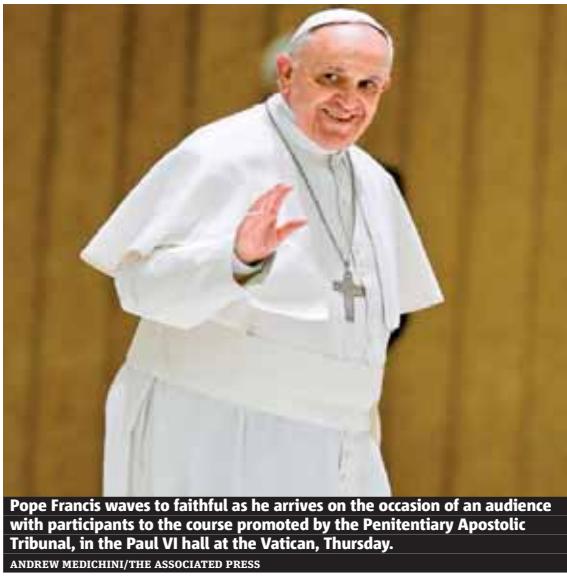
UN considers African support

Members of the UN Security Council are proposing that the international community supply money, equipment, troops and intelligence to a five-nation African force fighting Boko Haram.

African countries have put together the largest international effort yet to defeat Boko Haram after Nigeria's war against the Islamic extremists spilled beyond its borders. Alarm rose when Boko Haram over the weekend announced its allegiance to the Islamic State extremist group operating in Iraq and Syria.

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Pope celebrates second anniversary in office



Pope Francis waves to faithful as he arrives on the occasion of an audience with participants to the course promoted by the Penitentiary Apostolic Tribunal, in the Paul VI hall at the Vatican, Thursday.

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Vatican City.

Francis's reforms popular worldwide; traditionalists less thrilled

Pope Francis marks his second anniversary Friday riding a wave of popularity that has reinvigorated the Catholic Church in ways not seen since the days of St. John Paul II. He's also entering a challenging third year, facing dissent from within on everything from financial reform to family issues.

Is the honeymoon over?

According to the Pew Research Center, not by a long shot, at least as far as ordinary faithful are concerned: Nine out of 10 U.S. Catholics have a favourable view of Francis, including six in 10 who have a "very favourable" view. Those

are rankings not seen since John Paul's rock star days. And they trump the favourability ratings for Pope Benedict XVI even among more orthodox, church-going Catholics.

"Two years after his election, Francis has made the face of the papacy irreversible," Italian Vatican analyst Marco Politi wrote recently. "Returning to a doctrinaire, absolute monarch, icon-pope will never be possible, without a dramatic loss in contact with contemporary society, believers and non-believers alike."

Yet opposition abounds, most vocally among commentators but also some cardinals and bishops: Traditionalist Catholics have been joined by more mainstream conservatives who cringe at his mercy-over-morals priorities and apparent willingness to entertain pastoral approaches that might not follow Rome's rulebook.

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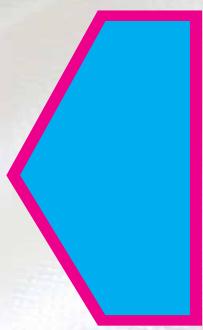
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Students in Myanmar protest could face prison

Myanmar authorities have freed several students detained after a bloody protest, but others involved in the standoff over a new education law will face charges including disrupting stability, which carries a two-year prison term.

Yee Mon, a Yangon university student who was released Thursday, said at least 12 students have been freed and about 10 more were expected to be released later Thursday.

Nearly 130 people, including about 60 students, were detained Tuesday after hundreds of riot police charged their protest, pummeling them with batons and then dragging them



Student protester Kyaw Zin Thant speaks outside a court house on Thursday after his release in Tharyawaddy, Myanmar. GEMUNU AMARASINGHE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Surveillance

U.K. discloses details of snooping

U.K. spies intercept Britons' online communications in bulk and keep personal data on large numbers of British citizens — but not enough to amount to blanket surveillance, lawmakers said

Thursday.

Parliament's Intelligence and Security Committee has made the most detailed public disclosure yet of Britain's electronic snooping abilities.

The report said that only the communications of "suspected criminals or national security targets" are selected for examination.

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"We didn't break the law but we were peacefully protesting for academic policy change"
Yee Mon, a Yangon university student

into trucks, bringing a harsh end to a weeklong standoff.

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students say the new law puts all decisions about education policy and curriculum in the hands of a group

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Iraqi troops clashed along two fronts with Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) militants in Tikrit on Thursday as rockets and mortars echoed across Saddam Hussein's hometown a day after soldiers and allied Shiite militiamen swept into this Sunni city north of Baghdad.

Recapturing Tikrit is seen as a key step toward rolling back the gains of the extremist ISIL, which seized much of northern and western Iraq in a blitz last summer and now controls about a third of both Iraq and Syria.

The offensive also will serve as a major crucible for Iraqi forces, which collapsed under the extremists' initial offensive last year and now face one of the Sunni militant group's biggest strongholds.

Iraqi forces entered Tikrit for the first time on Wednesday from the north and south. On Thursday, they were fighting their way through the city and expected to reach the centre within three to four days, according to Lt.-Gen. Abdul-Wahab al-Saadi, the commander of the Tikrit operation.

Iraqi troops battle ISIL militants to win Tikrit



Iraqi security forces clash with ISIL extremists Thursday at the front line in Qadisiyah neighborhood in Tikrit, 13 kilometres north of Baghdad. KHALID MOHAMMED/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ISIL militants were trying to repel the Iraqi forces with snipers, suicide car bombs, heavy machine guns and mortars, said al-Saadi at the front-lines.

Tikrit, the capital of Salahuddin province, sits on the Tigris River about 130 kilometres north of Baghdad. Several of Saddam's palaces remain there, and supporters of the deceased dictator are believed to have played a key role in ISIL's seizure of the city last year.

Iraqi Defence Minister Khaled al-Obeidi, who was also at the front-line on Thurs-

day, said that the operation to retake Tikrit is "essential to opening a corridor for security forces to move from the south to Mosul," he said, referring to Iraq's second-largest city and the militants' biggest stronghold.

He described the operation as "100 per cent Iraqi, from the air and ground."

When ISIL last year swept into Mosul, the U.S.-trained Iraqi military crumbled and the militants seized tanks, missile launchers and ammunition, steamrolling across northern Iraq. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tikrit fighting

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CRTC shakes up Canadian content on TV

Broadcast. Regulator hopes changes will lead to higher quality Canadian programming

Canadian broadcasters will have less-stringent Canadian content requirements, but be required to fund higher-quality

homegrown productions as a result of the findings of the CRTC's Let Talk TV public hearings.

Jean-Pierre Blais, chairman of the CRTC, outlined changes intended to develop better Canadian programming Thursday in Ottawa.

Blais characterized the television viewing climate as being in an "an age of abundance" and citing the need for

"quality" Canadian programming to compete for viewer's attentions spans, which is the goal of the outlined changes.

Canadian content restrictions will be relaxed, except in the prime-time viewing window (6 to 11 p.m.). Specialty channels will have to show 35 per cent Canadian programming throughout their schedules, and some local stations will not have to have any Can-

Con in non-prime time viewing time slots.

Specialty channels like HGTV, Space and MTV Canada which have had genre protection to limit competition — but also license requirements that limited what kind of content they could show — will see those restrictions lifted.

All Canadian broadcasters will have to invest in homegrown production, and there

are changes to productions being labelled Canadian content. One pilot project will encourage adaptations of Canadian novels, and another will focus on series with a \$2 million budget per hour, but both will require a Canadian screenwriter, leading actor or production company to qualify as Canadian content.

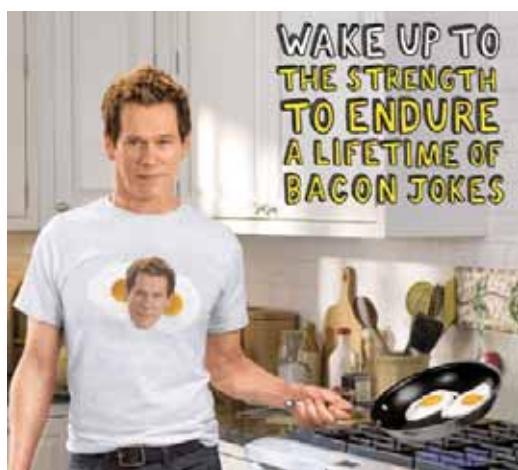
Thursday's changes follow an initial decision to allow

Canadian's access to American commercials during the Super Bowl.

The CRTC still has to act on issues such as cable unbundling and a pick-and-pay channel option.

These issues, along with the changes to specialty channels, could potentially be even more bad news for smaller, niche channels.

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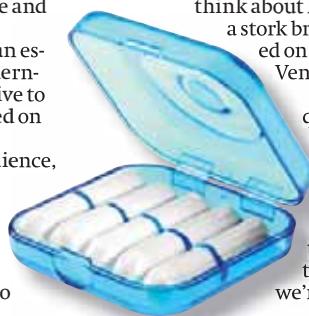
By Rebecca Kohler

When I was in university, I used to steal from people.

Before you call the cops, it wasn't anything crazy; no laptops or jewelry, liquor or cash. No, when I was in university, I used to steal tampons from people's bathrooms. If I was at a party or a friend's house, I'd inspect their feminine product supply and if it was robust, I'd take a few and put them in my purse. I wasn't a kleptomaniac or a bad person, I was just a woman who was broke and bleeding.

Feminine products are an essential part of living in modern-day society. They're expensive to begin with; why are we taxed on them, too?

Before I lose half my audience, let me put this in universal terms: Did you know that you're paying tax every time you go to the bathroom? Eww, what? Yes, because toilet paper is taxed, so



with each wipe (remember, front to back) the government gets richer.

If you agree that that's gross and unfair, would you also agree it's unfair that people who menstruate pay a tax on tampons and all other feminine products? Every time we shed the stuff that lines our uterine walls, the government further lines its pockets. Talk about blood money!

There's a petition at Change.org, "Government of Canada — No Tax on Tampons" that's trying to put a stop to this, and you should sign it. Now, before you say, "This isn't my problem because I have a penis," stop and think about how you came to be on Earth. Did a stork bring you here? Were you deposited on the shores via giant shell like Venus?

If the answer to both of those questions is 'No,' then I'm sorry, but this IS your problem because that means you came from a womb.

Once a month, the female reproductive system does something that's integral to keeping the human race on Earth and we're taxed on it.

Tampon tax

Feminine products are already expensive; putting a tax on them adds insult to what kind of looks like an injury.

The petition estimates that Canadians paid the government more than \$36 million in tax on tampons. This is a cost we shouldn't be willing to absorb.

Canadians don't pay tax on everything. For instance, some foods and medical supplies are tax exempt, while luxury and cosmetic items are not. Sounds good on paper, but when you break it down, priorities start looking crooked. According to the federal government's Excise Tax Act, schedule VI, feminine products fall under the "cosmetic" category while cocktail cherries fall under "food." Okay, while it's true that cocktail cherries are edible, are they really crucial to human existence? In fact, aren't they just a "cosmetic" addition to a piña colada?

Moreover, if tampons are a "cosmetic" item, who does that serve? I guess tampons

could be considered cosmetic in that they kind of cover up a woman's period.

That's nice for women, but it (also) makes life cleaner and less bloody for men, too.

How would our boyfriends/husbands like it if "the rag" wasn't just an expression? What if we used J-Cloths that we washed and hung around the house to dry?

Trust me, tampons and other feminine hygiene products improve everyone's life.

Feminine products are already expensive; putting a tax on them adds insult to what kind of looks like an injury.

If you're still wondering why you should care about this, think back to my tax on toilet paper example — is a square of two-ply really a "luxury"? Well, maybe Charmin is — so soft!

Jump on this No Tax on Tampons petition and should it succeed, use it as a way to get the tax off the T.P., too! We all wipe and we all need uteruses, whether they're in your body or someone else's.

Rebecca Kohler is a standup comic, writer, actor, gymnast, lawyer and chemist. (Some of this isn't true.) Follow her on Twitter at @becca_kohler

Happy face/Sad face

From spitting to swearing, Metro weighs in on the news that made headlines this week:

HORKING HOCKEY PLAYERS

A hockey arena in Terrace, B.C., has cancelled drop-in adult games for the rest of the season because some players refused to stop spitting in the penalty box and on the benches. Parents whose kids play at the arena were grossed out and complained.



NO MORE 'FEELING FAT' UPDATES

Kudos to activists for successfully petitioning Facebook to remove the feeling "fat" option from its drop-down menu, and a pat on the back to the all-powerful corporation for listening to the plebs. Hopefully newsfeeds everywhere will also see a decrease in "thinspiration" photos, itemized lists of everything a friend ate that day and, it almost goes without saying, Instagrammed dinner shots.



WHAT NOT TO WEAR: PMO EDITION

Our dear leader is facing some major backlash over comments he made about face coverings. Prime Minister Stephen Harper said that "most Canadians" find wearing a face veil during citizenship ceremonies to be "offensive" and added that the niqab is "rooted in a culture that is anti-women." Hey, Harper: If you think Muslim women shouldn't be told what to wear than maybe you should, y'know, not tell them what to wear.



SOMETHING TO SMILE ABOUT: SET FOR LIFE

A small-town Nova Scotia man who just won Atlantic Lottery's Set For Life already knows what he's going to do with his cheque: Buy a new set of false teeth. James Hanlon opted for a lump sum rather than \$1,000 a week for 25 years. He'll be taking home an impressive \$675,000. The handyman also says he has no plans to retire.



TIME FOR ANOTHER FOOTLOOSE REMAKE

Apparently the town of Taber, Alta. has never heard of the Charter of Rights. Its city council recently passed a bylaw that bans swearing in public, which brings a fine of up to \$250. Kids and teens must now abide by an 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew. And officers now have the discretion to break up assemblies of three or more people in public spaces. Kevin Bacon, we need you up here!



Making a fairy tale come true

Interview. Building Cinderella's glass slipper was a formidable task, even for an Oscar-winning costume designer

"How do you do a glass shoe?"

It sounds like a question from an age-old nursery rhyme, but was actually a real problem for Sandy Powell, the Academy Award-winning costume designer of the new live-action version of Cinderella.

Powell, whose Oscars for Shakespeare in Love, The Aviator and The Young Victoria decorate her mantle, gave me a sneak peek at the unique shoes given to Cinderella (played by Downton Abbey's Lily James) by her Fairy Godmother months in advance of this weekend's opening.

"The glass slipper had nothing to do with any shoemakers because it is made of crystal," Powell explained.

Working with Swarovski, she designed the shoe, complete with a six-inch heel and 221 facets with their light-reflecting Crystal Blue Aurora Borealis coating, out of solid crystal.

"No one can actually put their foot in that," she says. "It's a prop. In effect I was designing a prop that gets held and gets tried on but for her (to walk in) we made another shoe that was the same shape, in leather, that she could wear and then the visual effects



For the film, Cinderella's glass slipper had a six-inch heel. CONTRIBUTED



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(transformed it to) the glass on her foot.

"The glass shoe was the biggest challenge to do.

"How do you do a glass shoe that doesn't look ugly and huge?

"Hopefully I have done it. It had to sparkle. And rather than it be made up of lots of little crystals, I thought it would be brilliant if we could make it out of one piece of crystal. We didn't know if that

would be possible.

"We spoke to Swarovski very early on and I thought it should be like a faceted, cut piece of crystal and that's what we worked on, which took several months.

"They didn't even know if they could do it.

"We didn't know if it was going to be possible until the first one came hot off the press."

Eight crystal shoes were made, but in order to save time and money, there was no left or

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right foot, just neutral, according to Powell.

"No one is going to notice," she says. "Doing a pair would have taken twice as long and we never see two at the same time."

Working with Disney to bring Cinderella to life brings Powell full circle back to the movie that set her on her career path.

She cites the Mouse House's Mary Poppins as an early influence, adding,

"I've always been inspired by clothes and I have always loved films."

These days, 40 movies and three Oscars later, Powell is still finding plenty of passion in her work.

"I love it.

"It gives me great satisfaction," she says.

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Naomi Watts says taking on role in Divergent sequel was 'a little scary'

Movies. Veteran actress says a warm welcome by the young Insurgent cast calmed her fears

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Joining an established franchise the second movie in can be daunting even for the most experienced of actresses, and for Naomi Watts becoming a part of The Divergent Series: Insurgent was no exception.

"That can always be scary, the first day. When I arrived on the set, it was a little scary because this is a very well-oiled machine," Watts says. "I was just wildly impressed with how things were going and how fast they were moving and how disciplined all of these young actors were. When there's that many people, you can sometimes sense a little rivalry here, a few issues there, but they felt very connected and very collaborative."

The centre of that warmth, apparently, was series star Shailene Woodley. "I remember when I first met Shailene I was just enveloped in this giant hug," Watts recalls. "It felt so warm and just



Naomi Watts as Four's estranged mom in Insurgent, the sequel to Divergent. CONTRIBUTED

relaxed me right away."

Watts co-stars as Evelyn, estranged mother of Four (Theo James) and leader of the outcast Factionless in the dystopian future of the Divergent world, but as an actress she honestly thought her action-packed days were behind her. "I remember back in the day, when I was sort of at the very end of my ingénue days, being in King Kong and having to do quite a lot of physical stuff, making the promise to myself that I would never do that again," she says with a laugh.

"But now I'm an older woman — or a much more mature woman — and I don't have to do quite what Shailene has to go through. But we'll see about that for the next movie."

But while the action wasn't too involving for her — this go round, at least — there were some aspects to Evelyn that were tough to connect with, like the fact that she abandoned her son when he was very young.

"That one was very hard to reconcile," Watts admits. But we know that she was going

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"That's a complex thing to take on, the regret ... she wants to fix the relationship, genuinely."

Naomi Watts, on her role as Four's mother

through something that she felt was life-threatening and a great deal of abuse, and that was a survival choice that she had to make. But I couldn't imagine that anything could be so bad that my children would be left, but this is the world of storytelling."

Of course, while the Divergent franchise has been up and running already, Watts sees this as just the beginning for Evelyn. "It's a fun character because that's a complex thing to take on, the regret. But she's got drive, and she wants to fix the relationship, genuinely. I do think that," she says. "Perhaps there's something else going on as well, like she knows that both of (Woodley's and James') characters are going to help her achieve things. So it's hard to establish what her motives are in this movie. We've obviously explore that more in the next movie."

Insurgent. Theo James' awkward Four-letter word for onscreen mom: 'Babe'

Theo James has faced a lot of acting challenges over the course of his career, but nothing comes close to what he had to contend with once Naomi Watts was cast as his mother in Insurgent, the followup to Divergent. And it's not just their 16-year age difference.

"Firstly — which is interesting because she's playing my mom — she's a bit of a babe. I had to get past that," James admits. "But no, she's really interesting in this film because she has a very different energy. She's very calculating, but at the same time she has a warmth and a kind of gentleness that almost juxtaposes what her real ambition is. It was kind of nice, that, in a way because it puts you on the back foot not only as the audience but as the character when you're doing the scenes with her. She's not staring you down in a kind of abrasive way. It's very loving and sweet but intense at the same time."

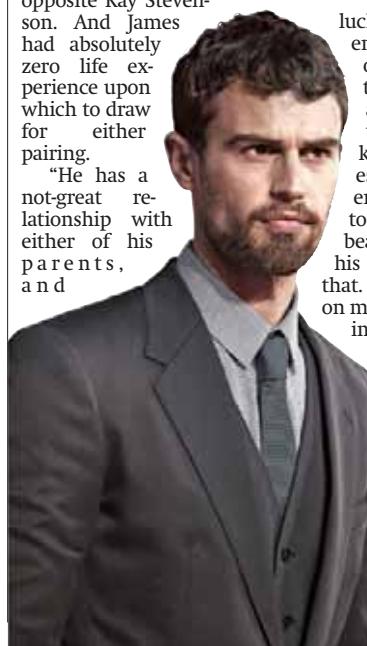
That estranged mother-son relationship echoes the troubled father-son relationship he played in the first film opposite Ray Stevenson. And James had absolutely zero life experience upon which to draw for either pairing.

"He has a not-great relationship with either of his parents, and

On working with Shailene

Much easier to deal with for James was stepping back into the role of Four for the second instalment of the successful YA franchise.

- That also meant jumping back into his onscreen relationship with Shailene Woodley, as series star Tris. And that's a relationship James insists he has no trouble exploring.
- "I like the fact that they have mutual respect for one another," he says.
- "I think the relationship is different in this film in the sense that they have a mutual respect for one another. Her femininity doesn't detract from her masculinity, and the other way round. She's a very strong female lead character, but she is also very feminine at the same time."



luckily I have two good parents," he says. "That was one thing that was something that needed a little addressing when it came to the Naomi scenes. It is kind of the same, i.e., he's estranged from both parents. But I didn't want it to be a repeat of the same beat he's already had with his father, so we discussed that. But in terms of drawing on my own family, I think the importance of family is a big thing from me, so yeah, using those feelings and thoughts and philosophy and incorporating that into the character is definitely something that I did ... a little."

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Bill Nighy is excited for April in New York, with stops for M&Ms

Profile. Broadway stint has busy actor planning some low-key downtime

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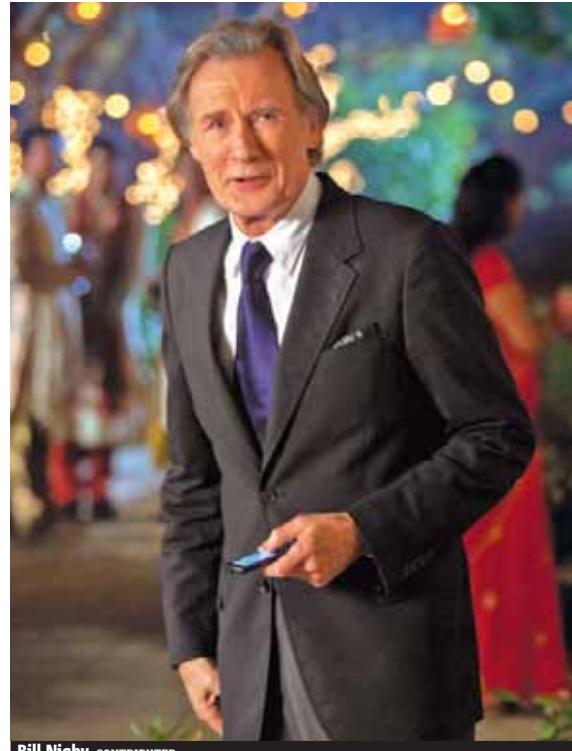
Bill Nighy is a pretty busy guy. Between previews beginning Friday for *Skylight*, his Broadway revival co-starring Carey Mulligan, and *The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel* currently in theatres, the seasoned British actor has no time to stop and watch any of his own work. Which is just fine, because he'd do almost anything to avoid something so painful. And if even Bill Nighy can't look at himself without cringing, what hope is there for the rest of us?

Is it true you go out of your way to avoid watching your own work?

There is the thinking that you're supposed to watch yourself in order to learn from your mistakes. That's not going to happen with me. My mistakes are going to kill me, and it takes a while to recover from my mistakes, so I don't really need to witness them personally.

I suppose doing theatre is a handy way around that, as no one can ask you to watch the performance. What are you looking forward to most about returning to Broadway?

I look forward to the bit where we've opened, everything went OK, it's a Sunday late afternoon, it's coming on spring — so that would make it April, sometime — and I've got Sunday night and all day and night Monday off, and we



Bill Nighy CONTRIBUTED

have been deemed a worthy visitor. I'm walking hopefully toward a bookshop that's still opened where there's a coffee shop nearby, and I will wander through the park and feel like I've earned my place in the city. Or, you know, maybe driving to Brooklyn for dessert, which I did on many occasions last time I was in New York.

Any place in particular?

There's a place under the bridge on other side of the river, (The Brooklyn Ice Cream Factory). It's right under the bridge. I used to go there for ice cream as my reward for

everything. That was after I'd made my M&Ms stop, because you have more colours of M&Ms than we have (in the U.K.), I think.

You're playing a love story in the Marigold Hotel movies. How rare is it at this point in your career to get scripts like that?

Pretty rare. Because traditionally I think I'm supposed to have retired from such things about 15 years ago. It's quite refreshing. Since the first Marigold there seem to have been a spate of movies concerning themselves with older people, but they are quite rare.

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Sci-Fi & Fantasy/Romance

**Cinderella**

Director: Kenneth Branagh

Stars: Lily James, Cate Blanchett

Cate Blanchett stars in this new vision of the Cinderella tale from director Kenneth Branagh and the screenwriting team of Chris Weitz and Aline Brosh McKenna for Disney Pictures.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 88% Audience: 98%Rotten Tomatoes™ score
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Comedy

**Unfinished Business**

Director: Ken Scott

Stars: Vince Vaughn, Dave Franco

A hard-working small business owner (Vince Vaughn) and his two associates (Tom Wilkinson, Dave Franco) travel to Europe to close the most important deal of their lives. But what began as a routine business trip goes off the rails in every way.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 33% Audience: 75%

Mystery/Suspense

**Run All Night**

Director: Jaume Collet-Serra

Stars: Liam Neeson, Natalie Martinez

Liam Neeson reunites with Unknown director Jaume Collet-Serra for this Warner Bros. thriller following a mob hit-man and his estranged son (Joel Kinnaman) as they flee the wrath of a vengeful crime boss.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 50% Audience: 92%

Drama/Comedy

**Focus**

Director: John Requa, Glenn Ficarra

Stars: Will Smith, Rodrigo Santoro

A con artist (Will Smith) takes on an inexperienced apprentice in this crime comedy from the filmmaking duo behind *Crazy Stupid Love*: Glenn Ficarra and John Requa.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 55% Audience: 62%

Comedy

**The Cobbler**

Director: Tom McCarthy

Stars: Adam Sandler, Method Man

Max Simkin (Adam Sandler) repairs shoes in the same New York shop that has been in his family for generations. Disenchanted with the grind of daily life, Max stumbles upon a magical heirloom that allows him to step into the lives of his customers and see the world in a new way.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 19% Audience: 81%

Comedy

**Miss Julie**

Director: Liv Ullmann

Stars: Jessica Chastain, Colin Farrell

Miss Julie depicts a fierce battle between a man and a woman, a struggle for power and dominance enacted through a cruel and compulsive game of seduction and repulsion.

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You can't keep a good fighter down

Interview. Ex boxer Evander Holyfield holds no punches as he talks about his rise and fall and rise again in the world of professional sport

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Twenty years ago, Evander Holyfield was one of the baddest (and richest) dudes to ever grace the canvas of a boxing ring. A world-class pugilist who fought his way up from poverty, 'The Real Deal' had a killer knockout punch, and a bank account to match.

Fast-forward just a few years later, and this venerable practitioner of the Sweet Science was losing the fight against a different kind of opponent: rampant, unrestrained success.

Champs, a new documentary from filmmaker Bert Marcus (How to Make Money Selling Drugs), chronicles the

out-of-the-ring financial and personal struggles of prize fighting legends Holyfield, Mike Tyson and Bernard Hopkins. It's the story of how money mismanagement and personal problems left some of boxing's biggest names down for the count.

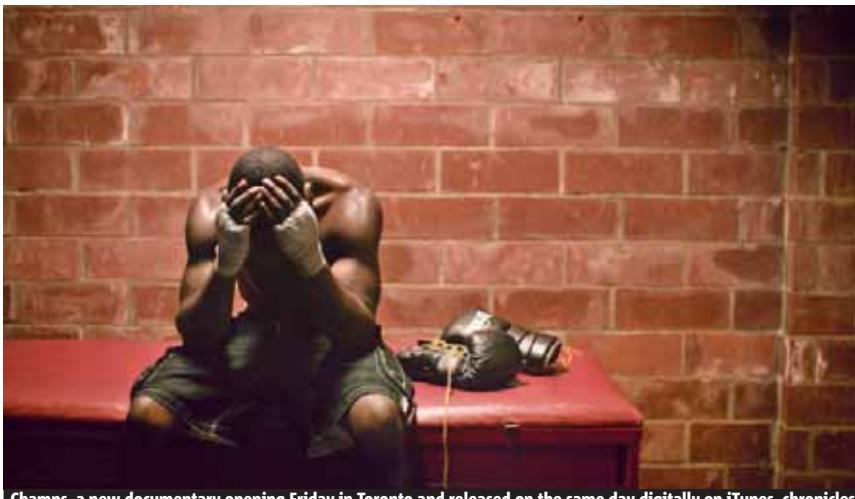
So just how do you go from being a \$200-million king of the ring to broke? Metro spoke with The Real Deal to do a little verbal sparring and find out.

"I had a contract which allowed me to make \$50,000 in my first (professional) fight," says Holyfield, "which was humongous because I was making \$8,000 a year, with three jobs. And so here I am, a person who fought for 12 years as an amateur for free. Now I'm getting paid to do something that I love doing already."

That was just the beginning.

At the height of his career, Holyfield's biggest fights were grossing anywhere from \$77 to \$100 million. He reportedly earned \$35 million for his rematch with Tyson (the infamous Bite Fight) alone.

"Having the money, and not



Champs, a new documentary opening Friday in Toronto and released on the same day digitally on iTunes, chronicles the out-of-the-ring financial and personal struggles of prize fighting legends. CONTRIBUTED

knowing when to say 'no,'" he says, was the problem.

"Of course when I made all this money ... I wanted everybody to do well. I was willing to do what is necessary to help everybody."

With a generous heart, deep pockets and little knowledge

of finance, Holyfield's millions didn't go the distance.

"My mother said, 'Son, you cannot make nobody rich. You can give them an opportunity to be rich, but they got to do the work — or you'll go broke.' And unfortunately, you know what, that's what happened."

In 2012, Holyfield was forced to sell his 44,234-square-foot mansion and auction off some of his most prized possessions, including memorabilia from his 1984 Olympic bronze medal win, many of his championship title belts, and an array of fight-used robes and gloves.

In the end, the one thing he was able to keep, says Holyfield, was his positive attitude.

"I didn't let people change me from the attitude I had towards people."

"I had to think back to what I was brought up on and the word of God. And the only thing that I had to build my faith on was that the second half of my life would be better than my first half."

Holyfield continued to fight professionally until last year, when he officially retired at age 51. Nowadays, The Real Deal makes a living from paid speaking engagements.

And what does the five-time heavyweight champion think about the upcoming Mayweather vs. Pacquiao 'Fight of the Century'?

"I think it's going to be an excellent fight." And it's likely to go the distance, he says. No knockouts. "Both the guys are clever fighters, and one of them is a defensive fighter, which is Floyd."

"I think it'll be ... that ultimate chess match. Unless somebody gets careless."

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Play adaptation. Miss Julie character drives Jessica Chastain to edge



Jessica Chastain in *Miss Julie*. CONTRIBUTED

It was the last day of rehearsal before cameras rolled on the film *Miss Julie* and Jessica Chastain couldn't go on.

Getting into the mind-set of the melancholic title character was taking its toll on the two-time Oscar nominee. Director Liv Ullmann decided not to make her go through rehearsal for a particularly agonizing scene involving a pet bird.

"I came into rehearsal and I was feeling really depressed and down," Chastain recalled in a telephone interview. "Liv saw that, and the incredible thing about working with a director as sensitive as she is, is then she goes, 'You know what? Let's stop.'

"That, I was very grateful for."

Ullmann, known as one of Swedish director Ingmar Bergman's actress muses, adapted the story from the 1888 August Strindberg play.

Chastain, 37, plays the daughter of an Anglo-Irish aristocrat who instigates an emotionally draining battle of power and intimacy with a valet named John (Colin Farrell) at their estate while her father is away.

Tweeting redheads

This week, Twitter brought Chastain into contact with one of her favourite 1980s pop stars — fellow redhead Tiffany.

- "That was crazy," she said. "She tweeted me that she was a fan of my work, which is insane, especially since I think that's the first record I ever had."
- "I used to lip sync her songs in the mirror. I was like, 'A redhead singer! I was all about it!'"

Chastain said *Miss Julie* is one of her favourite plays and she studied it at the Juilliard School in New York City.

The result is yet another critically heralded performance from Chastain, who got Oscar nominations for her supporting role in 2011's *The Help* and for her leading role in 2013's *Zero Dark Thirty*.

Miss Julie hits theatres on Friday. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Disney gives Lily James the slipper and Downton star finesses the fit

Fairy-tale remake.

Actress dishes on how reading for the stepsister turned into her *Cinderella* moment



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The glass slipper fitting on *Cinderella*'s foot is at the core of the magic of the fairy tale. It is a plot point that cannot be removed. If you do the whole story falls apart.

Real life is different.

Lily James, star of the new Disney live-action remake of the Brothers Grimm tale, says the Swarovski slipper she "wears" in the film didn't fit.

"That is my English humour," she says. "It didn't fit anyone. It wasn't that they just got the size wrong. It's Swarovski Crystal so it would have broken. They had to CGI it onto my foot, which was a bit of a shame."

The *Downton Abbey* star — she plays the rebellious Lady Rose on the hit show — is about to have her name intrinsically connected with the Disney princess, but at the audition she had her eye on another role.

"When you get the casting call for something they pick what part you're going to go for and they wanted me for (stepsister) Anastasia," she says. "I remember I wore this pink tie-dyed jumper that the casting director told me to burn. But I had blonde hair because of *Downton* and they said I should read for Ella."



Lily James stars in Disney's new live-action *Cinderella*. GETTY IMAGES

First-sight butterflies

Her first day on set she shot one of the film's key scenes, the "love-at-first-sight" meeting between *Cinderella* and Prince Charming, played by *Game of Thrones* actor Richard Madden.

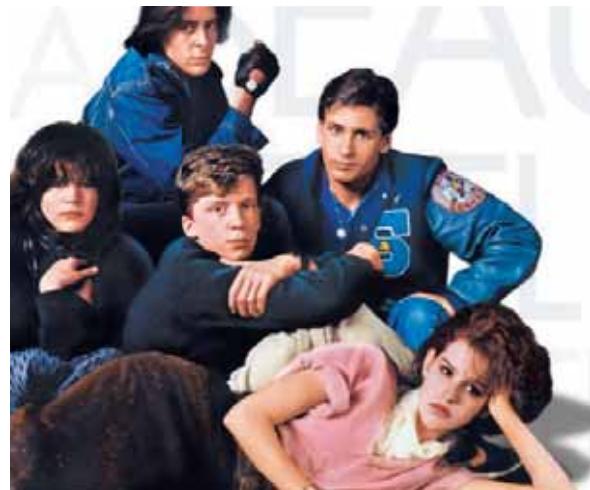
• "Ken said, 'How do you feel about shooting that scene first?' Richard and I didn't really know each other and Ken caught that nervous energy, that getting-to-know-you, butterflies-in-your-stomach thing."

• "He caught it on camera and I think that was smart. It kind of sets up the whole movie. It feels in that moment that Ella is very strong."

"I was kind of up for playing the off-centre part; the quirker, funnier part. I paced the corridor for about 20 minutes and the breakdown of the part that Ken (Branagh) had given me kind of struck me. It said she had a generous spirit and a generous nature and an open heart and I think because I didn't have time to over think I just went in and just read it. I think I was much better for it."

So how will *Downton Abbey* fans react to seeing her familiar face as *Cinderella*?

"I hope lovingly," she laughs. "I didn't think there were many similarities, but some people have said they think are. I watched the film and in the first scene I thought, 'Oh no! I'm playing Rose.' Then thankfully I shed it."



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Disney breaks news on Frozen sequel, next Star Wars flick

Rogue One. First film to go outside the primary Star Wars epic set to be released in 2016

The Walt Disney Co. on Thursday announced plans to make a sequel to the animated mega-hit Frozen, and revealed new details about the upcoming Star Wars reboot.

Frozen 2 had been widely expected for a film that has become a juggernaut for Disney. Since its release in November 2013, it has made nearly \$1.3 billion globally at the box office, generated a massive merchandising revenue stream and won the Academy Award for best animated feature.

Disney didn't announce any details on the sequel's plot or a release date, but said directors Jennifer Lee and Chris Buck will be returning.

Disney chairman and CEO



John Boyega stars in Star Wars: The Force Awakens. The followup, Rogue One, is projected to be released on Dec. 16, 2016. **CONTRIBUTED**

Bob Iger also announced at the shareholder meeting that the new Star Wars film will be called Rogue One and will be directed by Gareth Edwards (Godzilla).

The script will be written

by Oscar nominated Chris Weitz (About a Boy) and will feature Oscar nominated actress Felicity Jones (The Theory of Everything).

Rogue One will be the first film of the Star Wars

Franchise to explore stories outside the primary Star Wars epic. Initial filming is set to begin this summer in London. The film's projected release date is December 16, 2016. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Graphic novel. Jonathan Coulton's modern princess

What started as a project to turn Internet music sensation Jonathan Coulton's music into a graphic novel has evolved into The Princess Who Saved Herself, a children's book that offers a modern take on the princess story.

Greg Pak, a well-known comic book writer behind the feature film Robot Stories and comics such as Storm and Batman/Superman, is working on the new children's book along with the Japanese-Canadian artist Takeshi Miyazawa (who co-created the Marvel character Amadeus Cho with Pak) and American singer-songwriter Coulton.

The resulting book, according to their Kickstarter page, "reinvents the princess myth for a new generation of proactive girls."

The team has a history of Kickstarter success: Their 2013 campaign to turn some of Coulton's songs into a graphic novel took \$340,270 on an initial goal of \$39,000, leading them to offer their backers a digital version of The Princess Who Saved Her-

'An awesome kid'

The Princess Who Saved Herself is based on another of Coulton's songs, telling the story of "an awesome kid who lives with her pet snake and plays rock 'n' roll all day to the huge annoyance of the classical guitarist witch who lives down the road. Hijinks, conflicts, and a fun reconciliation ensue, all showcasing determination, bravery, and understanding."

self as a thank you. The next step: To produce a hard copy.

The new campaign started with a goal of \$15,000 (as it's already been written, drawn, coloured and lettered, they just need to cover printing costs) and had hit more than \$22,000 after the first day of a 15-day campaign.

Indonesian comic book colourist Jessica Kholinne (X-Treme X-Men) and comic book letterer Simon Bowland (Marvel, Dynamite) also contributed to the book. **AFP**

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Julie Andrews says she has found a friend in Lady Gaga since her Sound of Music tribute at the Oscars. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Lady Gaga's tribute makes Julie Andrews 'proud'

Movies. The singer's medley of The Sound of Music songs at the Oscars was a hit with the film's star

Julie Andrews says she's always been a fan of Lady Gaga, but after seeing the pop star perform a medley of songs from The Sound of Music at the Oscars, the stage and screen icon developed a new appreciation for the singer.

"She was just belting it out of the park, and I was so pleased and so proud, and I thought she did a wonderful job," Andrews said in a recent phone interview from New York.

If Gaga had any doubts

about her performance, they quickly dissipated as she was enveloped by rapturous applause — and a warm embrace from Andrews.

"I just said to her: 'You were terrific. You were marvellous,'" Andrews recalled of the tender moment.

"Doing it meant a great deal to her because she says it was one of the hardest things she's ever done. She was understandably nervous, but she was so generous about it. And that's the first time I met her face-to-face. I'd been a fan, and now I've found a new friend."

The Sound of Music has been rebooted in recent years for both stage and television. But for legions of fans, Andrews' portrayal of Maria — a young nun who becomes gov-

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Take it from Alanis, she oughta know

Interview. 20 years after *Jagged Little Pill*, the introspective songwriter reflects on her career

Alanis Morissette made her Junos debut back in 1992, wearing buoyant ringlets, a bejewelled off-the-shoulder dress, and the dumbstruck expression of a 17-year-old leaping blindly into the glare of the spotlight. She was dressed in the guise of a dance-pop featherweight, which ultimately didn't fit.

But at least the dress did.

"Not unlike most brides around the planet, I put all my stress into what dress I would wear," Morissette recalled with a laugh recently, marvelling at the "absolutely terrifying" event.

"I just remember being really nervous and over the moon about the fact that I held eye contact with Bryan Adams for longer than one millisecond."

The award she was given that night — most promising female vocalist — turned out to be prescient. 23 years later,

Morissette is being ushered into the Canadian Music Hall of Fame after a distinguished — and ongoing! — career that has spanned more than 60 million albums sold, seven Grammys and 12 Junos.

Days before Morissette was to receive the honour and perform at this weekend's Juno Awards, the 40-year-old spoke about her career from her home in Brentwood, Calif.

What does this honour mean to you?

Mostly it's just me coming into the arms of Canada. I'm Canadian to the bone. To be honoured by Canadians is precious to me.

It's the 20th anniversary of *Jagged Little Pill* and you're adapting it into a musical. What sort of emotions does that album evoke for you?

There's a continuity there that has remained true for two decades straight, which is just social commentary, eating disorder commentary, embracing emotions, flying in the face of what's expected. So many of these themes ... seem timeless

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"I swear I walk around with a whiteboard upon which people can project their hatred toward their mother and their former boss and their sister and their ex-girlfriend." Alanis Morissette on the isolating side of her celebrity

in a way, which is lovely. It's not the kind of record that I would discourage a 15-year-old from listening to. It's quite the opposite.

You won five Junos in 1996 and in acceptance discussed how an artist's growth occurs in public. Was all the attention a lot to bear?

It was. It was a lot of pressure and I hated it. So to take some of the intensity away, I wrote *Uninvited* (for the City of Angels soundtrack in 1998). That was really not encouraged by my record company. They wanted me to take all that white-hot heat and put it into the followup for *Jagged Little Pill*.

But I was buckling under that pressure and I didn't want to write. I was super burnt-out from touring and had I not suc-

cumbed to any of the pressure, who knows, I might have been the artist who writes a record every 10 years.

So you were never infatuated with fame?

I was definitely intrigued. I was sold the same bill of goods that the planet has been sold, which is that when you're famous, you're Kumbaya-ing with Meryl Streep and Johnny Depp is petting your head while you sit around a fire (laughs). So when I entered into that whole celebrity fray, it was actually quite isolating. I swear I walk around with a whiteboard upon which people can project their hatred toward their mother and their former boss and their sister and their ex-girlfriend. It's a lot to hold.

You said making your last al-

bum (2012's *Havoc and Bright Lights*) was painstaking. Will you make more music?

Well, right now I'm actually working on a book, which is great. Because the literary world, they're obsessed with credibility. I find as we get older, we become more and more credible, or we're perceived as credible.

(But) I'll write music until I'm dead. And maybe after, who knows? I'll channel through some young, unsuspecting artist.

Not all hall of fame inductees choose to perform. How do you think you'll feel up there?

To be honest, any excuse to be around my bandmates — I just love them so much. I have a four-year-old now (son Ever), so we're not touring at the breakneck speed we used to. This'll be really fun for us.

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Motherhood inspired Kelly Clarkson on new album

Interview. Pregnancy forced Clarkson to reflect on her own upbringing

Giving birth to her first child and watching her husband tend to their daughter made Kelly Clarkson realize how much her father wasn't around when she was growing up.

"I think when you hold this little human you've created, now I think I understand the depth of the loss I had not having a father figure growing up," she said in interview last week.

Clarkson, 32, and music manager Brandon Blackstock, are the parents of eight-month-old River Rose.

The Grammy winner, known for hits like Stronger and Since U Been Gone, sings about her father on the heartfelt, revealing Piece by Piece, the title track of her new album.

"And no offence to my father, you know, he is a product of his upbringing, like, I don't

know what that was, but you know, I just think now that I have River, like holding her, I can't imagine walking away," she said.

In a recent interview, the original American Idol champion talked recording and revisiting her television days.

Was it different to record music during your pregnancy?

They're just hanging out on your diaphragm, jumping up and down. But also, just like emotionally, it's different. I told my husband I want to be pregnant the next time I make an album because ... everything is enhanced ... I've just become more of an enhanced vessel for the lyric, you know? It becomes more emotional, more passionate and more vulnerable.

You've lived in Nashville, Tenn., for eight years. Have you thought about recording a country album?

I've done more than thought about doing a country album, I actually started making one.

Details

Piece by Piece debuted at No. 1 on Billboard's 200 albums chart this week.

- While there are some serious tunes on the album, it also features upbeat jams, like the first single, Heartbeat Song.

I love it. I love country music. And who knows? I love big band, too. I'd love to make a complete standards album.

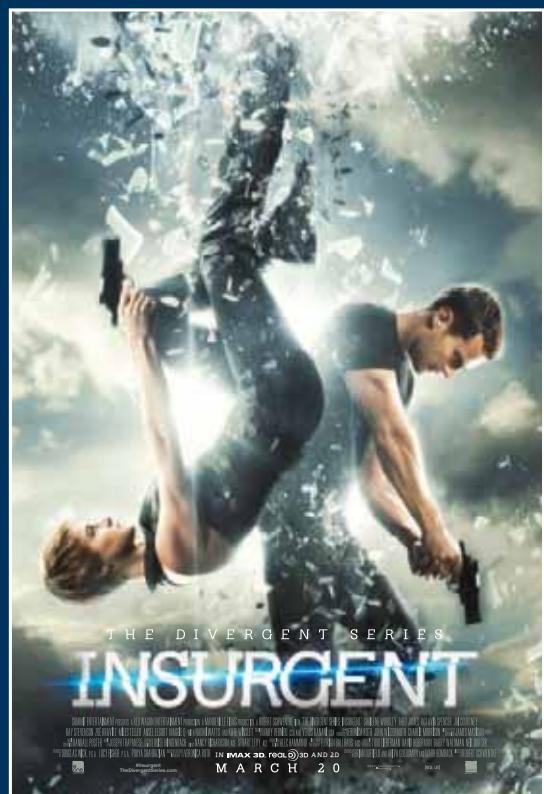
Do you watch your old music videos or performances?

A fan tweeted me some video, a Throwback Thursday kind of thing, and I watched it. And then I went down the YouTube vortex of watching all my Idol things. And I was like, "How did I win?" It was so bad! I was like so bad! I mean, every single performance. The only one I ended up liking actually was the big band one.

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Clarkson chose to record her latest album Piece by Piece while pregnant. VICTORIA WILL/INVISION/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



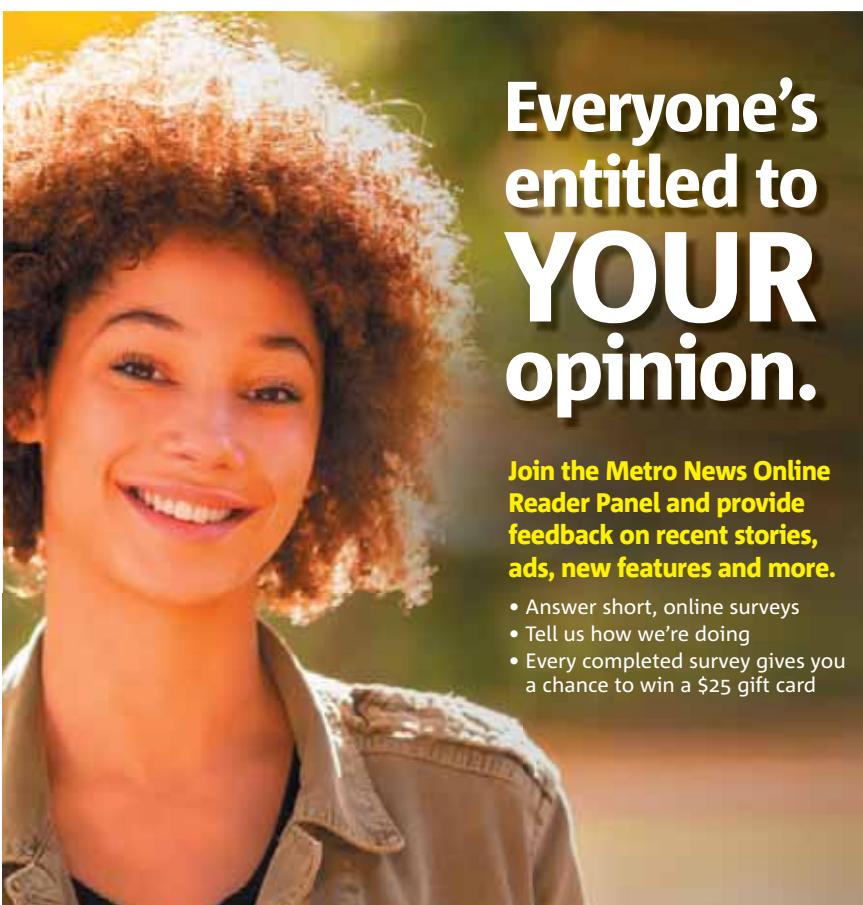
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Indie veteran says play nice to succeed

SXSW. Mark Duplass promises practical advice as this year's keynote speaker

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Actor, filmmaker and burgeoning indie film kingpin Mark Duplass is getting quite a platform this year at SXSW as one of the keynote speakers for the film conference — and he's not going to waste the opportunity.

A longtime SXSW veteran, Duplass also has four films he produced in the festival: Manson Family Vacation, The Overnight, 6 Years and Adult Beginners. So he has some concrete advice for young filmmakers. The most important thing? Be nice.

You're no stranger to SXSW. How is this year different?

This is the first year where I'll be staying at a hotel and not sleeping on some weird Airbnb couch three miles away from downtown, because I'm the keynote speaker and they're going to fly me in and put me up. That's a huge difference! And we have four movies going to the festival, two of which already have distribution and two of which are for sale. First and foremost, SXSW is and always has been about f-ing fantastic audiences appreciating movies, but it is a little bit more of a market than it has been traditionally. To be perfectly honest, in 2008 when I finished a movie that was too late for Sundance, I didn't really consider SXSW, but you can sell a movie out of SXSW now.

Do you have an idea of how your keynote will go?

I'm working it out in my



Actor-filmmaker Mark Duplass. GETTY IMAGES

head, but I've realized that I enjoy proselytizing about the way I've made things. I find that my career trajectory just happens to be the one that most closely approximates a practical path to success for someone who is coming from nowhere — no connections, nothing — and most of the people you're speaking to who need help are nowhere. I feel like in order to give a 45-minute speech, you better have something to offer and not just talk about yourself, you know? So I'm going to get up there and give some extremely specific tools for the filmmaker who wants to figure out how to make it. The last thing you need to hear right now is, "Anybody can make a movie, just pick up a camera and go." We've been saying this for 20 years. Let's get more specific.

What was your secret?

I didn't know how to break into this industry other than just to keep making stuff from the outside and hope to make some sort of lateral move in, and that ended up happening through Sundance. As I've been looking back over the last 12 years, I've realized something really cool has

happened that I didn't plan on. All false modesty aside, I work in this town because I am a nice and supportive person to everyone around me and people constantly want to give me jobs because they want to be around that kind of energy. I'm finding myself in this weird place where I have more opportunities than I ever dreamed of. The s— I've had to turn down this year, you would not believe. I still have to go to therapy to get over it.

How do you go about finding young filmmakers to foster?

A lot of it is pretty gut-oriented, to be honest. There's a little bit of a profile of that person between the age of 25 and 32 who's made a short or two, or maybe hasn't made a movie but has written a book or their Twitter account shows me that their storytelling acumen or something in them makes them unique. You would think by the success rate that I've had that it's a more vetted process than it is, but usually it's a meeting or two and "I love this person," or it's someone that I've known intimately for a long time.

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Netflix stars won't break vow of secrecy

They'll never tell.

Roster of actors pointedly refuse to reveal future plot points

LISA WEIDENFELD
Metro in NYC

If you thought that Kevin Spacey was going to spill one tiny thing about the newest season of House of Cards, think again. Any efforts to tease hints out of him are met with "Nice try." How serious is he about spoilers? He won't even confirm that there's a fourth season coming for the hit show. It's all part of his overarching philosophy regarding binge watching.

"I kind of have this policy about this, which is that I won't discuss any plot points or anything that happens in any season. I haven't ever, for three years. It's one of the most satisfying parts about being in the show, because I can't be the spoiler in chief," says Spacey. "There are people who still haven't even watched Season 1."

We pressed Spacey on this. Surely there comes a point when it's OK to talk about past seasons, at least?

"It's never OK. It never will be OK," says Spacey firmly.

Vincent D'Onofrio, who will be appearing as Wilson Fisk in the Netflix/Marvel Daredevil show, says, "On our show, we have an out, because it's Marvel, and I'm not allowed to talk about it. So even if I wanted to, I can't."

But Uzo Aduba, who plays Suzanne (or Crazy Eyes, if that's more your



Uzo Aduba, who plays Crazy Eyes on Orange is the New Black, will only chat with friends about series episodes they've all already seen. JESSICA MIGLIO FOR NETFLIX

style) on Orange is the New Black, was willing to throw us a bone, and admits she does do some plot discussion with friends. "As someone who is a fan of House of Cards, and has finished, I found a group of people who I could have that conversation with, where I was like, 'OK, we're going to have to discuss a couple

things.'"

Aduba says it's also important to make sure you verify how far your prospective chat buddies are in the show before moving forward. "I find with my friends, you find where they are in the season. And so you can be like, 'OK, you've watched up to 4, let's discuss 1-4.'"



Details

Not you, too, Taylor

"In terms of speaking about the show, I concur with my fellow Netflix friend," says Taylor Schilling of Orange Is the New Black, breaking all of our hearts a little. "I don't really ever feel like there's an appropriate time to start to talk about things, because I so respect the experience that people

have with these shows and I feel like it's a very intimate experience. I love the idea that people are just starting to get to know the world we've created."

Even within the Netflix family, it's verboten to get too detailed about plot points. Regarding a question about developments on House of Cards, Schilling says, "It was funny, I had like a visceral reaction when I heard that question,

like, 'Please do not tell me.' I'm savoring those episodes of House of Cards right now."

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Dinner. This Chicken Tikka recipe was inspired by the staple flavours of India

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Ingredients

Garam Masala

- 1 tsp green cardamom, opened (retain only the small beads inside)
- 1 tsp cumin seeds
- 1 tsp coriander seeds
- 1 tsp black peppercorns
- 1 tsp whole cloves
- 1 cinnamon stick or 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp ground nutmeg

Marinade

- 1/2 cup (125 ml) plain yogurt
- 1 onion, chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, crushed
- 2 tbsp garam masala
- 2 tbsp freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1/2 tsp (5 ml) grated lemon zest
- 1 tbsp fresh ginger, grated
- 1 tsp salt
- 12 skinless and boneless chicken thighs or 6 skinless and boneless chicken breasts

You can also prepare the Chicken Tikka on skewers. To do this, cut the chicken into small pieces before marinating. Soak wooden skewers in water for 15 minutes before you thread the pieces of chicken. Grill or bake for about 10 minutes in the middle of a 400 F (200 C) oven.

spices over high heat for 1 minute. Let cool, then finely grind with a mortar or a coffee grinder. Set aside.

Marinade

1. In a bowl, combine all the ingredients. Place the chicken in the marinade and coat well. Allow to marinate in the refrigerator for 5 hours.

2. Preheat grill to medium heat

or the oven to 400 F (200 C).

3. Lightly score the skin of each piece of chicken with a sharp knife. Grill or bake in the middle of the oven for about 25 minutes, turning chicken occasionally, until cooked and lightly browned.

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Jets losing more altitude in Florida

Aleksander Barkov scored the go-ahead goal late in the third period, lifting the Florida Panthers over the Winnipeg Jets 4-2 on Thursday night.

Brad Boyes and Derek Mackenzie also scored for Florida and Nick Bjugstad added an empty-netter with 46 seconds left. Dan Ellis made 18 saves for the Panthers in his third consecutive start in place of the injured Roberto Luongo.

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Blue Jackets at Red Wings

Hartnell has hand in Columbus win

Scott Hartnell scored the go-ahead goal, and Sergei Bobrovsky made 41 saves to help the Columbus Blue Jackets top the Detroit Red Wings 3-1 on Thursday night.

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NHL


"For sure, everyone's is worn out. When you're not winning, when you're not having success, it can be frustrating and you can get down."

Joffrey Lupul, the latest Maple Leaf to feel the scorn of coach Peter Horachek. The veteran winger rode the bench for large parts of Wednesday's game against the Buffalo Sabres. On Thursday, he was one of the last off the ice at practice before the Leafs flew to Calgary to begin a three-game Western Canada road swing.

Jones rink closes in on more curling of history

Rare trifecta. With an Olympic and Canadian title under her belt, the relentless talent can now add a world title to her résumé

Jennifer Jones didn't let up after winning her first Olympic women's curling title last year in Sochi.

She has been in peak form throughout the current campaign and recently added her fifth career Scotties Tournament of Hearts title to her stacked résumé. Next up for Jones and her Winnipeg teammates: a shot at Canadian curling history.

Jones has a chance to become the first reigning Olympic champion to win Canadian and world championships the following season. She'll go for the rare trifecta at the world women's curling championship, which kicks off Saturday in Sapporo, Japan.

"I haven't really thought of that, but I just honestly pinch myself," Jones said in a recent interview. "I can't believe all of the success that we've had. We worked so hard and to have it all come to fruition, it's just unbelievable. To have the honour to represent Canada at the world championship is just



Jennifer Jones is on a major hot streak since winning gold in Sochi last year. She'll try to keep up her run of dominance when the women's world championship gets underway this weekend in Sapporo, Japan. LARS BARON/GETTY IMAGES

truly special and we're so honoured."

Jones and her team of lead Dawn McEwen, second Jill Officer and third Kaitlyn Lawes did not compete at last year's national playdowns as they overlapped with the Winter Olympics. Ottawa's Rachel Homan won the 2014 Scotties and then took silver at the world championship after losing to

Switzerland's Binia Feltscher in the final.

A Canadian team hasn't won gold at the women's worlds since Jones took the 2008 title with Cathy Overton-Clapham at third. Lawes replaced Overton-Clapham in 2010.

The late Sandra Schmirler was the only other Canadian women's skip to hold all three titles at the same time. She won national and world championships in 1997 before winning Olympic gold at the Nagano Games the following year.

Jones will have some stiff competition at the 12-team event at the 2,321-seat Tsukisamu Gymnasium.

Russian veteran Anna Sidor-

ova is back and Sweden will again be skipped by four-time world silver medallist Margaretha Sigfridsson. Eve Muirhead, who beat Homan en route to a world title in 2013, will lead the Scotland entry.

Alina Paetz will handle skipping duties for Switzerland this year. She won a world championship as Mirjam Ott's alternate in 2012.

"It's a tremendous field with so many of the teams from the Olympics," Jones said. "So we're expecting it to be very tough and we know that we're going to have to play our very best in order to make it to the playoffs."

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'Five-tool' Ferrell throws wrench into spring training

MLB. Superstar funny man brings wit, sarcasm, perfect timing, inflated self-esteem and belly laughs to the diamond

Telling everyone "I'm a five-tool guy," Will Ferrell was off on his barnstorming tour Thursday through five Arizona spring training games.

Wearing No. 19, the star of *Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy*, Elf and many others played shortstop for the Oakland Athletics, second base for the Seattle Mariners, centre field for the Los Angeles Angels and first base for the Chicago Cubs.

As a surprise, he pinch hit, rather unsuccessfully, for the Cubs and spent a little time as their third-base coach.

Then it was off to Scottsdale,

for the Cincinnati Reds vs. the Arizona Diamondbacks.

The comedian planned to play for 10 teams in five spring training games, playing every position along the way. His police-escorted caravan was to drive to his first three stops, then he was to take a helicopter from the Diamondbacks' spring home in Scottsdale then finish at the home of the Chicago White Sox field in Glendale.

And it was all for a good cause, he said.

Before his odyssey began, Ferrell said he expected to raise \$1 million to be used for college

scholarships for cancer survivors. The tour was being chronicled by HBO for an upcoming special. Memorabilia from his journey is to be auctioned off on MLB.com with proceeds going to Cancer for College and Stand Up to Cancer.

Ferrell had his usual (false) bravado on display. In his interview on MLB radio, he said, "I'm actually hoping that my acting career is over after today."

"I think it's pretty much the feeling out here that I'm going to land with one of these clubs," he said. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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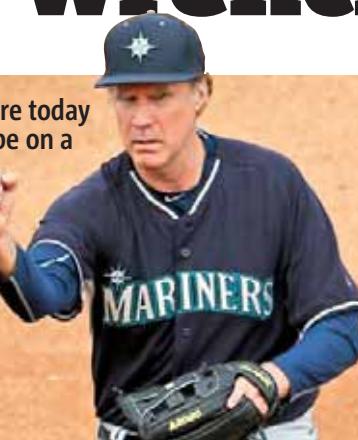
"These teams need a clubhouse presence and my presence is a flabby 47-year-old guy that doesn't know how to play. But I have life experience and I'm willing to do whatever it takes to get the job done." Will Ferrell selling his attributes to potential MLB suitors

Quoted



"I could catch fire today and you could be on a bus back to Triple-A."

Will Ferrell speaking to shortstop Marcus Semien in the A's clubhouse



Will Ferrell was scheduled to play for 10 teams in five games on Thursday in Arizona. ALL PHOTOS THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Panthers scratch out win over Jets

NHL. Florida remains within striking distance of eighth and final playoff spot in East

Aleksander Barkov scored the go-ahead goal late in the third period, lifting the Florida Panthers over the Winnipeg Jets 4-2 on Thursday night.

Brad Boyes and Derek Mackenzie also scored for Florida and Nick Bjugstad added an empty-netter with 46 seconds left. Dan Ellis made 18 saves for the Panthers in his third consecutive start in place of the injured Roberto Luongo. Luongo is day to day with an upper-body injury sustained on March 3 against the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Jonathan Huberdeau and Jaromir Jagr each had two assists.

Ellis took a knee from Andrew Ladd to his left side after Ladd was pushed into him at 18:44 of the third. Ellis was

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down on the ice briefly but stayed in the game.

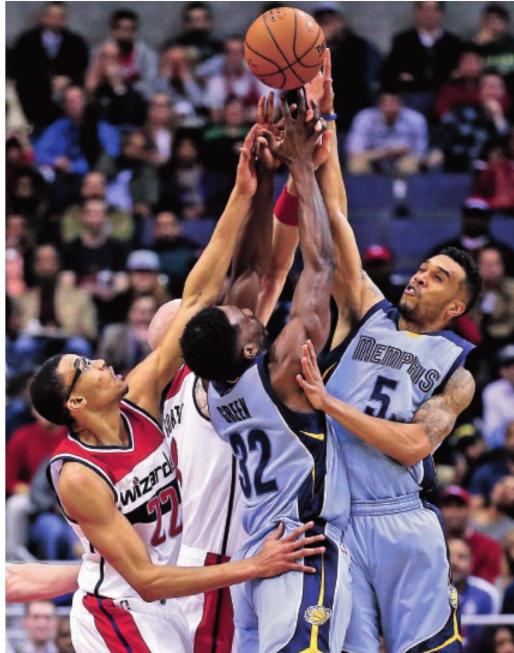
Drew Stafford and Mark Scheifele scored for the Jets and Michael Hutchinson stopped 17 shots.

The Panthers won their second consecutive game and have recorded at least one point in the past three games with Ellis in goal.

The Panthers remain six points behind the Boston Bruins for the final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference. The Bruins won 3-2 in a shootout against the Tampa Bay Lightning earlier on Thursday night.

The Jets have lost three of their past four games.

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Wiz give Grizz the biz

Memphis Grizzlies Courtney Lee, right, and Jeff Green battle Wizards teammates Otto Porter Jr., left, and Marcin Gortat battle for a loose ball on Thursday night in Washington. Facing a watered-down version of the second-best team in the Western Conference, John Wall finished with 21 points, seven rebounds and six assists, leading the Wizards to a 107-87 win. PATRICK SMITH/GETTY IMAGES

NHL

Bruins continue to rule over Bolts

Patrice Bergeron and Brad Marchand scored shootout goals to lift the Boston Bruins to a 3-2 victory over the Tampa Bay Lightning on Thursday night.

Boston beat Tampa Bay for the 10th straight time, the longest active slide for a Bruins opponent.

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Tennis

Williams ends Paribas boycott

Serena Williams has returned to the BNP Paribas Open, ending a 14-year personal boycott of the tournament that began when she was booed as a teenager on her way to winning the title in 2001. She says she eventually decided "it was really good timing for me."

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NBA

Arrest made in Boston stabbing

An arrest has been made in a stabbing during an NBA game between the Boston Celtics and Memphis Grizzlies in Massachusetts.

Authorities in Braintree say the 20-year-old man was arrested Thursday afternoon during a traffic stop. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Freestyle skiing

Sharpe, Riddle win halfpipe golds

Cassie Sharpe won her first career World Cup women's halfpipe event Thursday and Canadian teammate Mike Riddle took top spot in the men's competition.

It was Riddle's first podium appearance since winning silver last year at the Sochi Olympics.

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton
♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20

The universe is pointing you in a particular direction and if you are smart you will go that way. Being an Aries you are as likely to go in the opposite direction just to be different.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21

What you expect to happen today and over the weekend likely won't, while what you don't expect to happen likely will. So, don't make plans.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21

Mercury, planet of the mind, moves into the career area of your chart today and that means the more you think ahead the more success you will enjoy later in the year.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23

You have strong opinions about certain issues and today's events will confirm they are spot on. But don't use that as an excuse not to look at new ideas, because life never stands still.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23

Flattery will get you everywhere today. You know the right thing to say to influence people in positions of power.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

What you say next is not as important as the way you say it. You may intend your remarks to be helpful but if your words are harsh others may think you are being critical for no reason.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Common sense should tell you that certain methods are not working as well as they should and what happens over the next few days will confirm that.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Mercury moves into the most dynamic area of your chart today, making it easy for you to make changes you want to make, as opposed to changes that others want you to make.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

What you choose to do today may annoy some but don't let that stop you. You have done plenty of things to please them in the past and now you will do something to please yourself.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Others may be impressed by your self-confidence. What they don't know is that it's an act and you don't feel that confident. Mercury's change of signs today will give your self-belief a boost.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

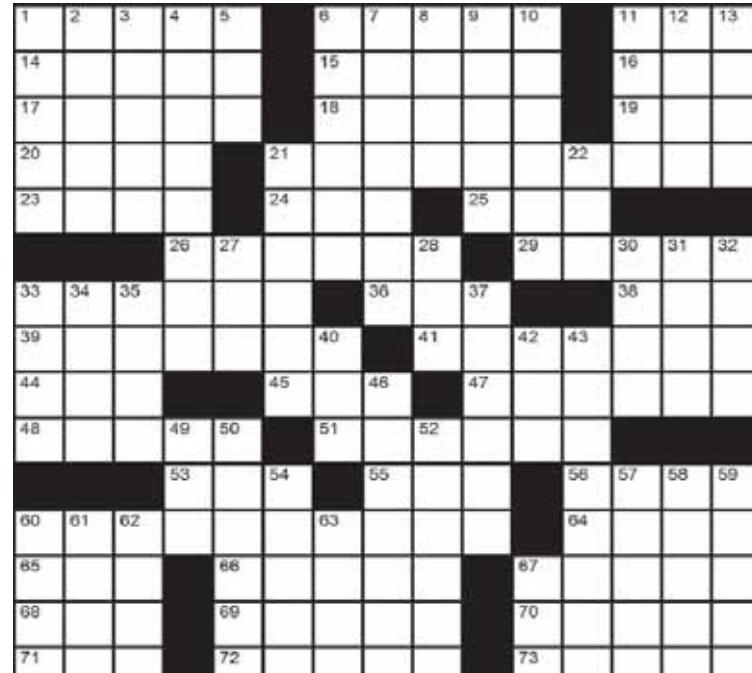
Happiness comes from wanting what you have, not having what you want. You have more than enough to satisfy your basic needs. Be thankful.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20

Mind planet Mercury moves into your sign today, making it so much easier to decide what it is you want and what you are willing to do to get it.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan
Across

- What the symbol # means in music
- Grate
- Shortened alias signifier
- "Madagascar" (2005) creature
- Surface-__-missile
- Teacup part
- Winged
- "There is ___ in the affairs of men." - Shakespeare
- Lamb's mommy
- Accompanying
- Written by #4-Down, this number one hit song of 1940 is famously sung by #41-Across: "I'll Never ___"
- Gardening supply
- Full amt.
- Pre-Ford President's monogram
- Musical compositions
- Apartment
- Released the lava!
- Rich money amt.
- Hide Hair link
- "Bye!" in Britain
- Legendary singer Frank
- Poet's 'through-out'
- Little ___ lot
- Forbids
- "It takes ___ tango."
- Nova Scotia's



provincial bird
 53. Fountain's filling
 55. Behold
 56. Book leaf side
 60. Nickname for #41-Across: 3 wds.
 64. Approximate calculation
 65. Campaigner, e.g.
 66. Growl
 67. Clicked-on computer thingies

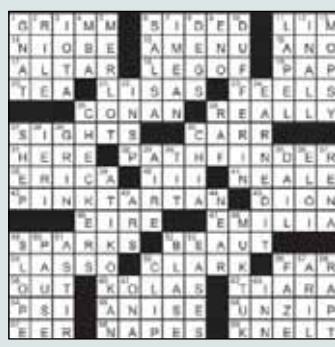
68. Candle-blower's number
 69. Hawk's habitation, variably
 70. Wooden shoe
 71. Volume selection
 72. Soup alternative
 73. Supplications

Down

- Deli side orders
- Prefix meaning
- 'Sun'
- Violin of Cremona in Italy
- Trailblazing Canadian songwriter (More at #21-Across and #10-Down!: 2 wds.)
- Before
- John of "Full House"
- Product flying off

store shelves: 2 wds.
 8. Racetrack fence
 9. Canada's largest duck
 10. Song by #4-Down (co-written with Paul Mann and Stephan Weiss) that #41-Across recorded and which was played at his funeral: "Put Your ___ Away"

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Yesterday's Sudoku

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